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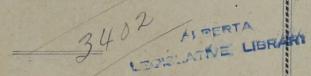
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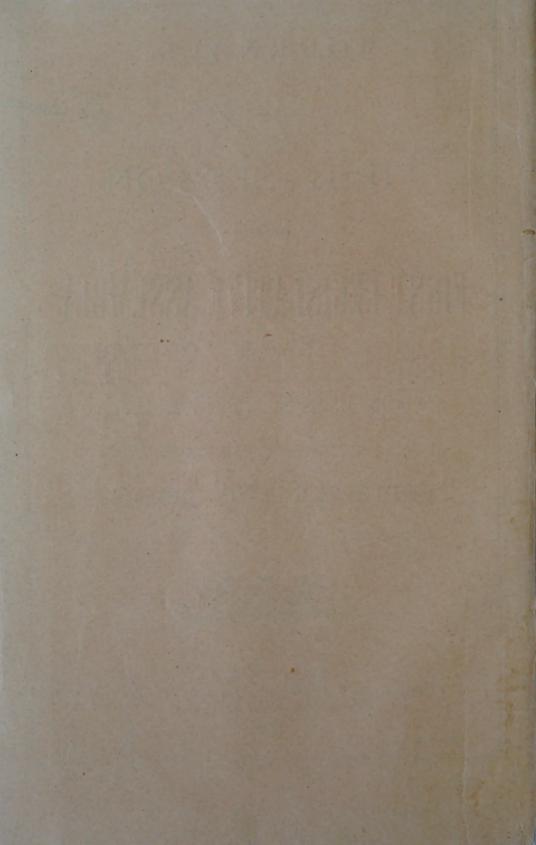
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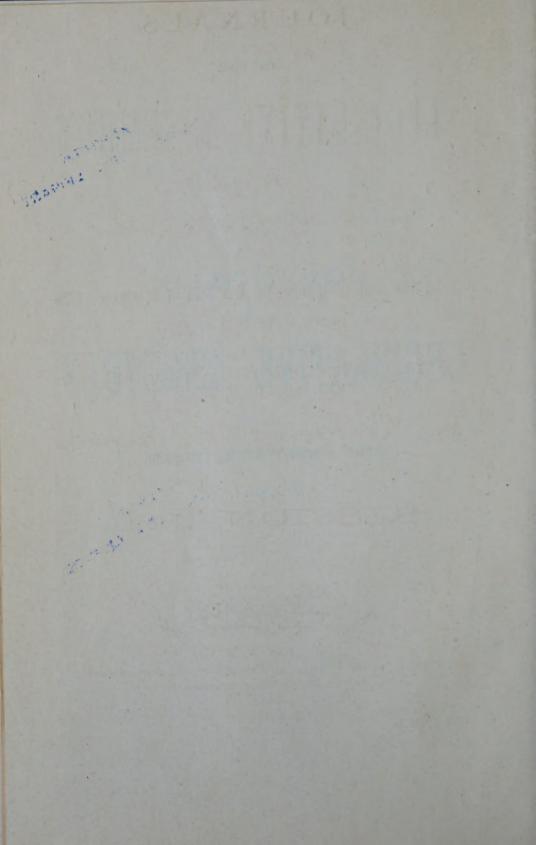
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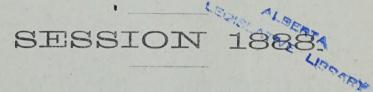
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NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES,

From the 31st of October to the 11th of December, 1888, (BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.)

IN THE FIFTY-SECOND YEAR OF THE REIGN OF OUR SOVEREIGN LADY, QUEEN VICTORIA.

Being the First Session of the First Legislature of the North-West Territories.

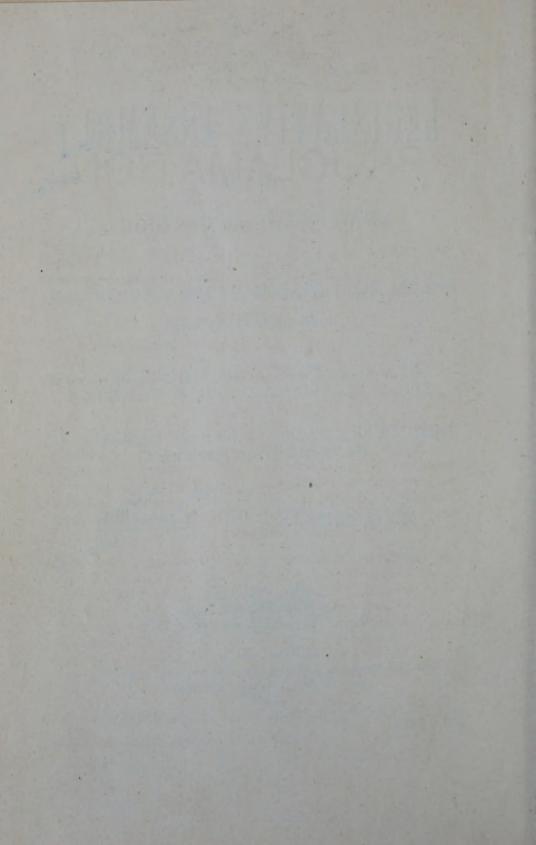




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# PROCLAMATION.

#### CANADA, NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c, &c., &c.

#### JOSEPH ROYAL,

[SEAL.]

Lieutenant-Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come or whom the same may concern:

#### GREETING:

Know YE that We, being desirous and resolved to meet Our People of Our North-West Territories, do hereby summon and call together the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories, to meet in Legislative Session at Our Town of Regina, in Our said Territories, on Wednesday, the 31st day of October, instant.

In Testimon's Whereof we have caused the Seal of the North-West Territories to be hereunto affixed. Witness, His Honor Joseph Royal, Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories, at Government House, Regina, in the said Territories, this Tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, in the fifty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

R. B. GORDON.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Return of the names of the Members elected to serve in the Legislative th-West Territories, pursuant to write of Election issued

Remarks.	urn
Members Elected.	James Ryerson Neff.  Joel Reaman Alexander Gillon Thorb John Gillanders Turriff Benjamin Parkyn Richs George Suize Davidson. William Sutherland James Hamilton Koss. Thomas Tweed Frederick William Gord John Lincham Herbert Charles Wilson Robert George Brett. Herbert Charles Wilson Kulliam Plaxton John K. Betts. James Clinkskill William Plaxton John F. Betts James Hoey
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Electoral Districts.	
Date of Writs.	#th June 1888.

R. B. GORDON

GORDON,

LEGAL EXPERTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Appointed in pursuance of Sec. 2, Chap. 19, 51 Vic.:

HUGH RICHARDSON, JAMES FARQUHAR MACLEOD, CHARLES BORROMÉE ROULEAU,

Judges of the Supreme Court of of the North-West Territories.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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#### NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

FIRST SESSION, 1888.

Wednesday, 31st October, 1888.

Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

This being the first day of the first Session of the first Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honor JOSEPH ROYAL, the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories, dated the 10th day of October, 1888, the Members, having been duly sworn, took their seats.

The Clerk, having taken his seat at the table, stated as follows:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that he will defer stating the reasons, for which he has summoned the Legislature, until the Legislative Assembly have elected a Speaker. It is therefore His Honor's pleasure that the Legislative Assembly do now proceed to the election of a Speaker, and present him here for His Honor's approbation.

Mr. CAYLEY thereupon, addressing himself to the Clerk, (who standing up, bowed and then sat down) proposed to the House, for their Speaker, HERBERT CHARLES WILSON, Esquire, Member for Edmonton, and moved that he do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker, which resolution was seconded by Mr. Betts.

The question being put by the Clerk, it was resolved unanimously that Herbert Charles Wilson, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker, and the Clerk having declared Herbert Charles Wilson, Esquire, duly elected, he was conducted by Mr. Cayley to the Chair, where he then said:

#### GENTLEMEN:

I beg to express my grateful thanks and humble acknow-ledgment of the high honor the House has been pleased to confer upon me, and, while I leave the floor of this House to take the Speaker's Chair, I feel that I also leave all political or partizan feelings, in order that I may discharge with impartiality to all, and to the best of my ability, the various and important duties pertaining to the high office of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor then entered the House and having taken his seat upon the Throne, Mr. Speaker Elect was presented to His Honor by Mr. Cayley, who addressed His Honor, as follows:

#### May it please Your Honor:

The Legislative Assembly, agreeably to Your Honor's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker and elected Herbert Charles Wilson, Esquire, Member for Edmonton, to that office, and by their direction I present him for Your Honor's approbation.

His Honor was then pleased to say:

I approve of the Speaker, whom the Legislative Assembly have chosen.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honor to the following effect:

May it please Your Honor:

I beg to lay claim, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories, to all our ancient privileges, especially freedom of speech, access to Your Honor and that the most favorable construction may be placed upon our proceedings.

To which His Honor replied:

Mr. Speaker:

I most cheerfully grant your request.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious speech:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It affords me much pleasure in opening the first Session of the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories, to be able to congratulate you upon the general prosperity of the country, and the completeness of its representation in our Legislature, which I regard as the preceding step to Provincial organization.

In the progressive evolution of our present constitution towards thoroughly representative Government, you will find that I am in full accord with your legitimate aspirations.

When entering upon the onerous duties of my office, I tirst directed my attention to the state of the Legislation of the Territories, and came to the conclusion that a revision and consolidation of the Ordinances was a matter of paramount importance.

On the 11th of July last, I entrusted this work to a Commission, specially appointed for the purpose, consisting of the Honorable Mr. Justice Richardson and A. E. Forget,

Esquire, late Clerk of the North-West Council.

Their report will be laid before you, to which I desire to direct your chief attention during the present Session, feeling confident that your labors will result in the establishment of a clearly drafted body of Laws.

A question which was repeatedly before the North-West

Council, and which is one most seriously affecting the Farmers of the country, will again demand your earnest consid-

eration. I allude to the subject of Prairie Fires.

Reports have reached me, leading me to infer that the existing Legislation upon this matter is not sufficient for the suppression of the evil, and I therefore earnestly hope, that, when all the facts have been ascertained, our united efforts may result in the passing of some measure, which will prove as complete and effective as experience and mature deliberation can make it.

I may here remark, that the valued assistance, hitherto rendered by the North-West Mounted Police in enforcing the provisions of the Prairie Fire Ordinances, calls for a generous public recognition.

A Bill respecting Vital Statistics will be submitted to you, which, it is hoped, will prove the forerunner of a simple and

effective system of general statistics.

I have this season cheerfully responded to as many invitations as I could possibly accept, addressed to me by Agricultural Societies within the Territories, and I have visited several Exhibitions, at which the industry, perseverance and intelligence of our farming community have elicited the admiration of every one present.

The excellence, as well as the abundance of the crops throughout our Canadian North-West, have enabled the husbandman to look forward with bright hopes to a reward

for his labor.

Some features of these Exhibitions were especially interesting, prominent among them being the exhibits of the Indian Reservations.

I have also admired at Fort Qu'Appelle the exhibits sent by the Industrial School, situated in that locality, and, with respect to the Dominion Experimental Farms, the undoubted practical utility of these establishments was most strikingly demonstrated at some of the Fairs.

The fact is now established, beyond all doubt, that this vast portion of Canada offers in every part a home of plenty and comfort to the industrious immigrant, who will not be discouraged by losses, frequently arising from inexperience of soil or climate, which is incident to all new countries.

I would also point out to you the desirability of devising means, by which the cause of Temperance may be most ef-

fectually served, consistently with your rights and duties as British subjects and free men.

It is to be horne in mind that legislation cannot be ex-

pected to make men honest, sober or wise.

Sobriety is a virtue, the practice of which is taught and inculcated by Religion, the Law addressing itself to the prevention or the punishment of crime or vice in so far as public order is attacked or threatened.

Whether exceptional Legislation is to be continued or not, is a matter upon which you, as representatives of the people, have the sole right to speak with any degree of authority.

I shall be happy to transmit to the Honorable the Privy Council at Ottawa, any resolution or representation, with respect to the Temperance question, that you may think fit to pass, and which will, I have no doubt, receive at the hands of the Dominion Government all due consideration.

In the meantime, a deep sense of my official responsibility will continue to guide me in carrying out the Law, as I find

it in the Statute Book.

A statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the General Revenue Fund will be submitted to you, with the

Auditor's report.

I will also cause to be laid before you, at an early period, the Territorial Estimates for the year 1888-89, which will be prepared with the assistance of my Advisory Council, due regard being had to economy and the requirements of the Public Service.

#### Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I commend these various important subjects, and any others which may be laid before you, to your best consideration, with full confidence in your earnest desire, under the guidance of a kind Providence, to promote the development and well-being of the people of these Territories.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, for greater convenience, he had obtained a copy of His Honor's Speech, which would be laid before the House.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. Justice RICHARDSON, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Justice MacLEOD,

It was Resolved, That, until otherwise provided, the Rules and Forms of Proceeding in Legislative Session of the late Council of the North-West Territories be in force in this House, and that, where same are not applicable, the rules of the Dominion House of Commons do prevail.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. Justice RICHARDSON, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Justice ROULEAU,

It was Resolved, That the Speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The House then adjourned to Friday next at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, 2nd November, 1888, 2 o'clock p.m.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, signed by His Honor.

The said message was then read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

#### J. ROYAL,

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that under the provisions of Section 13 of Chap. 19, Vic. 51, he has selected from among the elected Members of the Legislative Assembly the undernamed gentlemen to act as an Advisory Council on matters of Finance, namely:—

Frederick William Gordon HAULTAIN, Esquire, Member for Macleod.

David Finlay Jelly, Esquire, Member for North Regina.

William SUTHERLAND, Esquire, Member for North Qu'Appelle, and

Hillyard MITCHELL, Esquire, Member for Batoche.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, REGINA, 2nd November, 1888.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. JUSTICE RICHARD-SON,

Seconded by Mr. HAULTAIN,

It was Resolved that a Select Committee be now appointed to strike the Standing Committees of the Session.

On the motion of Mr. Ross,

Seconded by MR. TWEED,

It was Resolved that the following Members be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the Session: Messrs. Haultain, Cayley, Plaxton, Clinkskill, Turriff, Davidson, Tweed and Ross.

The House then adjourned until three of the clock.

Mr. SPEAKER having resumed the Chair,

Mr. Ross, from the Select Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the Session, presented the following Report:—

The Select Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the Session beg leave to report that they recommend the following standing Committees:—

Education, Civil Justice, Agriculture, Immigration, Privileges and Elections, Ways and Means, and Municipal Law, and that the Committees be composed as follows:—

Education.—Messis, Tweed, Secord, Cayley, Clinkskill, Betts, Oliver, Richardson and Reaman.

Civil Justice.—Messrs. Haultain, Cayley, Secord, Ross and Neff.

Agriculture.—Messrs. Plaxton, Jelly, Clinkskill, Hoey, Neff, Turriff and Thorburn.

Immigration.—Messrs. Ross, Tweed, Mitchell, Davidson, Lineham, Haultain, Brett, Turriff and Oliver.

Privileges and Elections.—Messrs. Cayley, Betts, Haultain, Sutherland, Tweed, Clinkskill and Turriff.

Ways and Means.—Messrs. Jelly, Brett, Lineham, Thorburn, Plaxton, Mitchell, Hoey, Oliver and Reaman.

Municipal Law.—Messrs. Davidson, Betts, Sutherland, Richardson, Cayley, Ross and Tweed.

The Report was received and concurred in.

It being ordered on the motion of Mr. HAULTAIN that Rule No. 9 be suspended, he moved, seconded by Mr. Jelly, that the following Members be a special Committee to assist Mr. Speaker in revising the rules of this House:—

The Honorable Mr. Justice RICHARDSON, The Honorable Mr. Justice MacLEOD, The Honorable Mr. Justice ROULEAU,

Messrs Cayley, Ross, Secord, Oliver, Tweed and the mover and seconder.

Carried.

On motion that this House do now adjourn, Mr. CAYLEY moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. HAULTAIN, that this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at three of the clock, and the question being put, the amendment passed in the affirmative.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 3rd November, 1888, 3 o'clock p.m.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Secretary of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor,

by direction of His Honor, papers relating to the revision and consolidation of the Ordinances of the North West Territories, consisting of the Letter of appointment and instructions addressed to the Commissioners, and of their Report thereon, which would be laid before the House.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Secretary of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, by direction of His Honor, a petition addressed to His Honor, against the return of Mr. Hillyard Mitchell, the Member for Batoche, which would be laid before the House.

Ordered that the Petition be received and read.

The Petition having been read by the Clerk, it was Resolved, upon the motion of Mr. Tweed, seconded by Mr. Cayley, that the Petition be referred to the Honorable the Legal Experts for their opinion as to the powers of this House to deal with controverted Election cases.

Mr. CAYLEY presented a petition from Mr. Thomas Christopher West, praying that he be enrolled as an Advocate of the North West Territories.

Ordered that the petition do lie on the Table.

Ordered that Rule 9 be suspended and that the names of the following Members be added to the various Standing Committees.

To the Committee on Agriculture, Messrs. MITCHELL, REAMAN and LINEHAM.

To the Committee on Education, Mr. Thorburn.

To the Committee on Immigration, Messrs. SUTHERLAND and RICHARDSON.

To the Committee on Ways and Means, Mr. NEFF.

To the Committee on Municipal Law, Mr. SECORD.

To the Committee on Privileges and Elections, Mr. Hoey.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. HAULTAIN, Resolved that the Standing Committee on Ways and Means be discharged and that the following Members form a Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Miscellaneous Subjects. Messrs. Jelly, Brett, Lineham, Thorburn, Plaxton, Mitchell, Hoey, Oliver, Reaman and Neff.

Resolved that Rule 9 be suspended and that Mr. HAUL-TAIN have leave to introduce a Bill, entitled, "An Ordinance, respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North West Territories."

The said Bill was then read a first time and ordered to be referred, with the Report of the Commissioners respecting same, to the Standing Committee on Civil Justice.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, 5th November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. CAYLEY presented a petition, signed by a number of residents in the Calgary Electoral District, praying for a grant in aid of the construction of a bridge over the Bow River. Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

On the motion of Mr. Hoey, seconded by Mr. Plaxton, Resolved that it be referred to a select Committee, composed of Messrs. Cayley, Ross, Tweed, Neff, and the mover and seconder, to prepare draft of an address in reply to the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

The House then adjourned.

TUESDAY. 6th November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Turriff presented a petition from settlers in the Alameda district, praying for compensation for horses destroyed, said to be affected with glanders.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the standing Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. DAVIDSON presented a petition from settlers near Qu'Appelle, praying for a grant of \$75 for the construction of a dam over Six Mile Creek.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

Mr. Davidson presented a petition from other settlers in the Qu'Appelle district praying for a grant of \$225 for the construction of dams.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

Mr. REAMAN presented a petition from settlers in the Kamsack district praying for a grant of \$150 for the construction of a cable ferry over the Assiniboine River.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

Mr. REAMAN presented a petition from settlers in Kinbrae and surrounding district praying for a grant of \$350 for improving a public highway.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

The Honorable Mr. Justice RICHARDSON, from the Legal Experts, to whom the petition against the return of Mr. Hillyard MITCHELL, Member for Batoche, had been referred for their opinion as to the powers of this House to deal with controverted Election cases, reported that in their opinion, the right of determining all matters relative to its own Elections is inherent in the Assembly.

Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. CAYLEY, from the select Committee appointed to prepare draft of an address in reply to the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, reported that they had prepared such draft and laid the same on the table.

Ordered that the said draft be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Cayley reported the draft agreed to without amendment. The same was then received and agreed to and read as follows:—

To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

May it please Your Honor:

We, the Members of the first Legislative Assembly of the North West Territories, heartily congratulate Your Honor on your having come amongst us at this time, as the representative of Her Majesty. Your Honor's career in the past affords us the happiest anticipations as to the discharge, as a constitutional Governor, of your high duties.

We thank Your Honor for the intimation you have given us that, in your mind, the present Assembly is to be considered a progressive step towards full responsible Government. It is our earnest hope and desire that our present powers will, before next session, be so far extended as to give us the full measure of responsible Government, which we believe the country desires. Represented as the Territories now are, fully and completely, we feel that any recommendation we may submit on the subject will be favourably entertained by the Dominion Government.

We believe that the Revision and Consolidation of the Ordinances, which your Commission has accomplished and which it will be our duty to embody in legislation, will be of great service to the Territories and will call forth our most conscientious efforts.

Legislation in regard to prairie fires engaged the attention of the old North-West Council and will necessarily engage ours. The annual loss in the Territories from fires is exceedingly large, and it is with regret we observe that the legislative provisions of the past have proved insufficient. It is our opinion that Dominion Government legislation on this subject, for the protection of the prairie against sparks from locomotives, is to be desired.

We cordially recognize the assistance given by the Police in the past in the suppression of prairie fires, and believe their services might become even more effective by special arrangements that might be made to that end, which arrangements the Assembly propose to recommend.

We are glad that a Bill on Vital Statistics will be submitted, believing that much good will arise therefrom in the direction pointed out by Your Honor.

We heartily concur with Your Honor in admiration at the success of the Indians of the North-West in agricultural pursuits. It argues a happy progression on their part towards self-support, which must be a matter of universal congratulation.

The resources of the country, the magnificence of the crops and the large immigration, which have attracted so much attention throughout the Dominion during the past year have, we understand, led to the formation this year of Standing Committees on Agriculture and Immigration. These committees, we gladly learn, will have Your Honor's hearty co-operation in the important subjects with which they have to deal. We earnestly hope Your Honor will see fit to make an appropriation for the establishment of immigration agencies and for agricultural purposes.

The cause of temperance is one which, we are glad to learn Your Honor proposes we should deal with. It is one which the present laws of the Territories do not deal satisfactorily with. Any resolution or representation to the Honorable the Privy Council at Ottawa, which this Assembly may feel called upon to make, will be framed solely with a view to the temporal and moral interests of the community.

We will be grateful for the statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the General Revenue Fund which Your Honor has graciously promised to lay before us, as well as for the Territorial Estimates for the year 1888-89.

It is our earnest hope that our efforts as a Legislature will tend, under Providence, to the development and well-being of the people of these Territories.

We thank Your Honor in conclusion for your gracious message.

Ordered that the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor by a Committee composed of Messrs. HAULTAIN, TWEED and CAYLEY.

Mr. HAULTAIN from the Standing Committee on Civil Justice presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Civil Justice beg leave to report to the House with reference to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North West Territories, 1888" as follows:

The Committee would respectfully suggest that, for the sake of convenience, the various Chapters be distributed among the Standing Committees of this House and referred to them for their consideration and report.

The Committee would further suggest that the said Chapters be distributed as in the schedule attached hereto.

#### SCHEDULE.

#### COMMITTEE ON CIVIL JUSTICE.

- Chapter 1. An Ordinance respecting the form and interpretation of Ordinances.
  - .. 30. Joint Stock Companies Ordinance.
  - ", 35. Religious Society Lands.
  - , 36. Masters and Servants.
  - , 41. Legal Profession.
    - 43. Fees on Summary Trials.
  - . 44. Constables.

#### Chapter 45. J. P. Returns.

- , 47. Partnerships.
- ,, 48. Chattel Mortgages.
- ,, 49. Mechanics' Liens.
- " 50. Preferential Assignments.
- " 51. Choses in Action.
  - 52. Hire Receipts.
- " 54. Distress for Interest.
- , 55. Real Property.
- " 56. Compensation to Families.
- " 57. Conveyances by Married Women.
- , 58. Limitation of Actions.
- " 59. Sheriffs.
- " 60. Judicature.
- " 62. Juries.

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

#### Chapter. 9. Statute Labor.

- 10. Fire Districts.
- " 11. Herding of Animals.
- " 12. Fences.
- " 13. Trespassing and Stray Animals.
- ". 14. Bulls.
- ", 15. Stallions.
- ", 16. Protection of Sheep.
- ", 17. Driving off Horses and Cattle.
- " 18. Infectious and Contagious diseases of Animals.
  - , 19. Brands.
- " 20. Prairie Fires.
  - , 21. Canada Thistles.
- " 23. Agricultural Societies.
  - 46. Exemptions.
  - 53. Costs of Distress.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

#### Chapter 34. Indigent Children.

61. Schools.

#### MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

#### Chapter 8. Municipalities.

" 22. Pollution of Streams.

Chapter 24. Cemeteries.

, 31. Hotel and Boarding-house Keepers.

32. Livery Stables.

33. Chimneys.

#### IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE.

Chapter 6. Infectious Diseases.

7. Insane Persons.

, 28. Ferries.

29. Marriages.

#### MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE.

Chapter 2. Public Printing.

Revenue and Expenditure.
 Security by Public Officers.

23. Game.

26. Medicines and Drugs.

27. Poisons.

- 37. Auctioneers.
- .. 38. Billiard Tables.
  - 39. Sunday Observance.

40. Notaries Public.

, 42. Medical Practitioners.

#### COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

Chapter 5. Controverted Elections.

The said Report was then agreed to, and on motion of Mr. HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr. CALYEY,

Resolved that the various Chapters in the Schedule to the Bill, entitled "an Ordinance respecting the revised Ordinances of the North West Territories, 1888," be respectively referred to the Standing Committees of this House, as specified in the Schedule to the said Report.

The House then adjourned.

#### Wednesday, 7th November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Betts, seconded by Mr. Thorburn,

Resolved that the names of Messrs. MITCHELL and NEFF be added to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Justice RICHARDSON, seconded by Mr. CAYLEY.

Resolved that, in order to enable the several Standing Committees to advance their work, as no pressing business stands ready for the consideration of the House, this House when it adjourns, do stand adjourned until Monday next.

The House then adjourned.

#### Monday, 12th November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Turriff presented a petition from settlers in the Souris Coal Fields District, praying for a grant of \$400 for grading hills and other improvements.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

Mr. REAMAN presented a petition from settlers in the Cut Arm Creek District, praying for a grant for road over the muskeg of the Cut Arm Flats.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

Mr. Second presented a petition from settlers in Township 16, Range 18, West of the 2nd Meridian, praying for a grant for the construction of bridges and other improvements.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

Mr. TURRIFF presented a petition from the North-West Prohibitory Alliance.

Ordered that the petition be received.

Mr. HAULTAIN from the Standing Committee on Civil Justice presented the following report:—

The Standing Committee on Civil Justice report that the Standing Committee on Agriculture have considered and reported on the following chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, namely, Chapters 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 46 and 53, and recommend the immediate consideration of same in Committee of the Whole House; and the Committee further recommend that the name of Mr. LINEHAM be added to the Standing Committee on Civil Justice.

Report received and concurred in.

On the motion of Mr. Haultain, seconded by Mr. Turriff,

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of the Whole House to consider the Chapters of the Revised Ordinances mentioned in the said report of the Standing Committee on Civil Justice.

Resolved that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Turriff reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

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On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. CLINKSKILL,

Resolved that an humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Honor to cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence exchanged with His Excellency the Governor General, in Council, respecting the Memorials and Resolutions passed at the last Session of the North-West Council and transmitted to His Excellency the Governor General, in Council.

On motion of Mr. Jelly, seconded by Mr. Reaman,

Resolved that the name of Mr. Ross be added to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of Mr. TWEED, seconded by Mr. CAYLEY,

Resolved that Rule 9 be suspended and that the name of Mr. Brett be added to the Committee on Education.

()n motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. CLINKSKILL,

Resolved, that the petition against the return of Mr. Hillyard MITCHELL, Member for Batoche, received by this House, be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, with power to call for papers and persons, and with instructions to report to this House at an early date.

Ordered, that Mr. THORBURN have leave to bring in a Bill for the abatement of nuisances and for the protection of

public health outside Municipalities:

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was read a first time and ordered to be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous matters and to be placed on the orders of the day for second reading to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 13th November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. PLAXTON presented a petition from settlers in Township 48 Range 24 and 25, West of the 2nd Meridian, praying for the construction of a highway.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

On motion of Mr. Second, seconded by Mr. Davidson,

Resolved that an humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Honor to cause to be laid before the House a Return shewing in detail the cost of the election of the Members of this Assembly.

On motion of Mr. CAYLEY, seconded by Mr. TWEED,

Resolved that a Memorial Committee, consisting of the following Members, namely, Messrs. Cayley, Neff, Tweed, Ross, Haultain, Richardson and Oliver, be appointed for the purpose of memorializing the Dominion Government as to certain matters requiring attention.

On motion of Mr. Tweed, seconded by Mr. Cayley,

Resolved that a Committee on Standing Orders be appointed, composed of the following Members, namely: Messrs. Ross, Haultain, Second, the mover and the seconder.

On motion of Mr. CAYLEY, seconded by Mr. DAVIDSON,

Resolved that the Civil Justice Committee be requested to consider the desirability of establishing a code of procedure for the collection of small debts at a reasonable cost and to report on the same at as early a date as possible.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the chapters of the Bill respecting the revised Ordinances mentioned in the report of the Standing Committee on Civil Justice as having been reported on by the Standing Committee on Agriculture and, Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair, Mr. Turriff

reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. SUTHERLAND.

Resolved that when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until three of the clock to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

Wednesday, 14th November, 1888, 3 o'clock p.m.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, signed by His Honor.

The said message was then read by Mr. Speaker and is as follows:—

#### J. ROYAL.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I acknowledge with thanks the Address you have loyally adopted in answer to the Speech, with which I opened this session, and I rely with confidence on the assurance that the important measures submitted to you will receive your careful and full consideration.

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Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received, by command of His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, a return to an address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence exchanged with His Excellency the Governor General, in Council, respecting the Memorials and Reso-

lutions passed at the last Session of the North-West Council and transmitted to his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

The said Return was then laid on the table.

Mr. Ross presented a petition from Mr. Ernest Harrold Scott, praying that he may be allowed to pass an examination and register as a Medical Practitioner of the Territories.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous matters.

Ordered that the Honorable Mr. Justice Richardson be excused from attendance at this House on Friday next.

Ordered that the Honorable Mr. Justice Macleon be excused from attendance at this House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. TURRIFF, seconded by Mr. DAVIDSON,

Resolved that a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. LINEHAM, OLIVER, CLINKSKILL, THORBURN, JELLY, the mover and seconder, be appointed to prepare and introduce a Bill respecting Elections in the Territories.

Ordered that Mr. Second be excused from attendance at this House on Friday next.

Ordered that Mr. Tweed be excused from attendance at this House on Friday next.

Moved by Mr. HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr. NEFF, that, when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned to Monday next.

And the question being put on the said motion, the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

Yeas,—Messrs. Haultain,
Sutherland,
Jelly,
Richardson,
Neff,
Brett,
Secord,
Ross. 8.

Nays,—Messis. Mitchell,
Reaman,
Plaxton,
Hoey,
Thorburn,
Tweed,
Cayley,
Lineham,
Betts,
Davidson,
Oliver,
Turriff,
Clinkskill.

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So it passed in the negative.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances mentioned in the report of the Standing Committee on Civil Justice, as having been reported on by the Standing Committee on Agriculture, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair, Mr. Turriff reported that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill for the abatement of Nuisances and for the better protection of public health outside Municipalities, The said Bill was accordingly read the second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.

The House then adjourned to Friday next.

#### FRIDAY, 16th November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, for communication to the Legislative Assembly, the following papers and documents, namely:—

- 1. Petition from settlers in the Pheasant Forks District, dated 24th March, 1888, respecting the gopher pest.
- 2. Despatch from the Department of Public Works, dated 27th March, 1888, regarding the exemption of all Government employees in the Telegraph Service from serving as Jurors.
- 3. Letter from Mr. John McDonnell, dated LeBret P.O., May 10, 1888, with reference to the purchase of portion of road allowance.
- 4. Despatch from the Department of the Interior, dated 10th August, 1888, relative to a suggested change in the road allowance between sections 34 and 35 in Township 6, Range 2, West of the fifth Meridian.
- 5. Letter from Mr. W. V. Maclise of Prince Albert, dated 11th September, 1888, suggesting alterations in the Marriage Ordinance.
- 6. Despatch from the Department of the Secretary of State, dated 10th October, 1888, transmitting copy of Despatch from the Honorable the High Commissioner for Canada, dated 6th September, 1888, regarding matters in

connection with the application of Part 2 of the "Medical Act" (1886), to the Dominion, with copy of said Act and correspondence referred to.

7. Despatch from the Department of the Secretary of State, dated 18th October, 1888, with respect to the Ordinances passed by the Lieutenant Governor, in Council, at the Session held in October and November, 1887.

Mr. HAULTAIN from the Standing Committee on Civil Justice presented the following report:—

The Standing Committee on Civil Justice report that the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Subjects have considered and reported on the following Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, namely, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 25, 27, 37, 38, 39, and 40 and recommend the immediate consideration of same in Committee of the Whole House.

On motion of Mr. HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr. Jelly,

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Chapters of the Revised Ordinances mentioned in the said Report of the Standing Committee on Civil Justice.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Jelly reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on the next day,

On motion of Mr. Betts, seconded by Mr. MITCHELL,

Resolved that it be referred to the Memorial Committee to draw up a Resolution to the Dominion Government, regarding the necessity of bringing the Saskatchewan Country within the reach of Railway communication.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Turriff,

Resolved that when this House adjourn, it do stand adjourned until 2 of the clock to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker left the chair at 5 o'clock p.m.

Saturday, 17th November, 1888, 2 o'clock p.m.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. HAULTAIN, from the Standing Committee on Civil Justice presented the following report:—

The Standing Committee on Civil Justice report that Standing Committee on Municipal Law have considered and reported on the following Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, namely, Chapters 24, 31, 32 and 33 and recommend the immediate consideration of the same in Committee of the whole House.

On motion of Mr. HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr. JELLY,

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Chapters of the Revised Ordinances mentioned in the said Report of the Standing Committee on Civil Justice.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and after some time spent therein. Mr. CAYLEY reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. Jelly from the Standing Committee on Miscellanes's matters, to whom the petition of Mr. Ernest H. Scott. praying that he may be allowed to register as a Medical Prac-

titioner of the Territories had been referred, presented the following Report:—

The opinion of the Committee is that Ernest Harrold Scott on bringing satisfactory proofs of the statements made in his petition, and passing such examination as is required in the Medical Ordinance of 1885, should be duly registered as a Medical Practitioner in accordance with said Ordinance.

Ordered that the said report be received.

On motion of Mr. Brett, seconded by Mr. OLIVER,

Resolved that a Special Committee, composed of Messrs. CLINKSKILL, Ross, LINEHAM, BETTS, HOEY, JELLY and the mover and seconder be appointed to fully represent to the Dominion Government the condition of the leading trails in the Territories, and to ask that a special grant be made for their improvement.

Moved by Mr. Clinkskill, seconded by Mr. Turriff,

That a Resolution be adopted, asking the Dominion Government to repeal the dues on dry wood cut for fuel and rails, also to repeal the dues of one dollar per ton on hay cut for sale on Dominion Lands.

On the question being proposed, that this motion do pass, it was moved in amendment by Mr. HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr. Jelly,

That all the words in the question after "That" be struck out and the following be substituted therefor. "It be re"ferred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture to con"sider and report on the question of the dues on dry wood
"cut for fuel and rails and the repeal of the dues of one
"dollar per ton on hay cut for sale on DominionLands and
"as to the advisability of a Memorial on the subject."

And the question being put on the amendment, it passed in the affirmative.

And the main question, as amended, being put, it was Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. CAYLEY, seconded by Mr. Brett,

Resolved that Messrs. RICHARDSON, TWEED and NEFF, be excused attendance at this day's Session of the House.

On motion of Mr. CAYLEY, seconded by Mr. LINEHAM,

Resolved that the petition of Mr. Thomas Christopher West, praying that he may be enrolled as an Advocate of the Territories, be referred to the Standing Committee on Civil Justice.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances mentioned in the report of the Standing Committee on Civil Justice, as having been reported on by the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Subjects, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Jelly, reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House then adjourned.

## Monday, 19th November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. HAULTAIN, from the Standing Committee on Civil Justice presented the following report:—

The Standing Committee on Civil Justice report Chapter 1 of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances without amendment.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the said report of the Standing Committee on Civil Justice.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and after some time spent therein Mr. HAULTAIN reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Moved by Mr. Turriff seconded by Mr. Oliver.

That in the opinion of this House it is advisable to take a vote of the people to ascertain if a Prohibitory or Licence Law is desired in the Territories.

On the question being proposed that this motion pass, it was moved in amendment by Mr. HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr. Betts,

That all the words after "that" to the end of the question be left out and the following words inserted instead thereof:

Whereas in the opinion of this Assembly the present Liquor Law in force in the Territories is unsatisfactory and ineffective, and whereas although this Assembly favours the introduction of High Licence Law in preference to any Prohibitory system, yet it is expedient that the whole question should be submitted to a vote of the people of the several Judicial Districts:

Resolved, that in the opinion of the Assembly,

- 1. Provision should be made by the Dominion authorities at the approaching Session of the Dominion Parliament for submitting the question of Prohibition or License to the people of the Territories, to be taken in the several Judicial Districts of the Territories.
- 2. Subject to the result of such vote, power to deal with the Liquor question similar to that enjoyed by Provinces under the British North America Act should be given to the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories.

A debate thereupon ensued, which, on the motion of Mr. CAYLEY was adjourned.

Resolved on motion of Mr. Davidson, that when this House adjourns it do stand adjourned until half past seven o'clock p.m.

Moved by Mr. Brett, seconded by Mr. Cayley,

That, whereas certain representations have been made to the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa to the effect that certain Indians of Southern Alberta have been committing depredations in the neighborhood of Morley; Be it resolved that this House urge upon the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs the necessity of taking immediate steps to remedy the evil complained of.

And the question being put the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

Yeas,—Messis. Richardson, Brett, Cayley, Betts, Oliver, Ross, 6.

Nays.—Messrs. Haultain,
Mitchell,
Sutherland,
Jelly,
Reaman,
Plaxton,
Hoey,
Thorburn
Neff,
Tweed,
Lineham,
Davidson,
Secord,
Turriff,

('LINKSKILL.

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So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 5 o'clock p.m.

Half past seven o'clock.

Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair.

Ordered that Mr. Brett have leave to introduce a Bill respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. CLINKSKILL, seconded by Mr. MITCHELL

Resolved, that the question of the desirability of preparing a Memorial to be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, representing the necessity of reconsideration of the claims of the alleged rebels, whose claims were rejected by the Commissioners on rebellion losses, be referred to a special Committee composed of Messrs. OLIVER, BETTS, SUTHERLAND, the mover and the seconder.

The debate on Mr. Turriff's motion was resumed, and Mr. Haultain having, by leave of the House, withdrawn his amendment, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Cayley seconded by Mr. Tweed, that the following words be added to the motion,

That in the event of such vote not being taken, it is the opinion of this Assembly that a stringent license system should be introduced into the North-West Territories.

A debate ensued thereon and after some time the question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, were taken down as follows:—

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Yeas,—Messrs. Haultain,
Hoey,
Tweed,
Cayley,
Lineham,
Betts.

Nays,—Messis. Sutherland,
Jelly,
Reaman,
Planton,
Thorburn,
Richardson,
Neff,
Brett,
Davidson,
Oliver,
Secord,
Turriff,
Ross,
Clinkskill. 14.

So it passed in the negative.

The main question being then put, the House divided, and the names being called for, were taken down as follows:—

Yeas,—Messis. Sutherland,
Jelly,
Reaman,
Planton,
Thorburn,
Richardson,
Neff,
Brett,
Davidson,
Oliver,
Secord,
Turriff,
Ross,
Clinkskill.

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Nays,—Messrs. Haultain Hoey, Tweed, Cayley, Lineham, Betts.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House then adjourned.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, a Return to an address of the Legislative Assembly, for a return showing in detail the cost of the election of the Members of the Assembly.

The said Return was then laid on the table.

Mr. CAYLEY, from the Memorial Committee, to whom it had been referred to draw up a Resolution to the Dominion Government, regarding the necessity of bringing the Saskatchewan country within the reach of railway communication, reported that they had drawn up the same.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the said Report.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Cayley reported that the Committee had directed him to report the resolution without amendment.

The said resolution was then twice read and agreed to, and reads as follows:—

Whereas there exists a pressing necessity of bringing the Saskatchewan country within the reach of railway commucation;

And whereas the urgency of this has been clearly shown to the Dominion Government by a deputation sent from Prince Albert during the last Session of the Dominion Parliament:

Resolved, that this Assembly regards the question as of first importance and urges the Dominion Government to take immediate action in giving an outlet by Railway to the Pioneer settlements of the North Saskatchewan.

Resolved on motion of Mr. Betts, seconded by Mr. Cayley,

That a humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Honor to transmit the said resolution to the Honorable the Minister of Railways.

Mr. HAULTAIN, from the Standing Committee on Civil Justice, to whom the petition of Mr. Thomas Christopher West, praying that he may be enrolled as an Advocate of the Territories, had been referred, presented the following report:—

The Committee on Civil Justice beg leave to report that they have examined the petition of Thomas Christopher West to be enrolled as an Advocate of the North West Territories with all the privileges of such Advocate, and they are of opinion that the prayer of such petition be granted upon payment by the said Thomas Christopher West of the necessary fee and upon his passing the examination presented in Ordinance No. 10 of 1885.

The said report was received and concurred in.

Ordered that Mr. CAYLEY have leave to bring in a Bill to enroll Thomas Christopher West as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr SUTHER-LAND,

Resolved That a Despatch from the Department of the Secretary of State, dated 18th October, 1888, with respect to the Ordinances passed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council at the Session held in October and November, 1887, laid on the table by order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, be referred to the Standing Committee on Civil Justice.

On motion of Mr. MITCHELL, seconded by Mr. HAULTAIN,

Resolved, That the question of exterminating Gophers be taken into consideration and that same be referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Second, seconded by Mr. OLIVER,

Resolved, That the attendance of Mr. Ross at this day's sitting of the House be excused.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the abatement of nuisances and for the better protection of Public Health, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Thorurn reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again tomorrow, and on the motion of Mr. Thorburn,

Resolved that the said Bill in the meantime be referred to

the Standing Committee on Civil Justice.

The House according to order again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to further consider Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Jelly reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 5 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday, 21st November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, for communica-

tion to the Legislative Assembly, the following documents, namely,

Report on Public Works and a Statement of the Public Accounts.

The said documents were then laid on the table.

Mr. Betts presented a petition from the inhabitants of Prince Albert, praying for an appropriation for the construction of a highway.

Ordered that the petition be referred to the Advisory Council.

Mr. OLIVER presented a petition from the settlers of the Edmonton District praying for an amendment to the Ordinance respecting Prairie Fires.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. HAULTAIN from the Standing Committee on Civil Justice presented the following report:—

The Standing Committee on Civil Justice report Chapter 8 of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, as having been considered and amended by the Standing Committee on Municipal Law.

Ordered that the said report be received.

Mr. Turriff from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the question of memorializing the Dominion Government respecting the dues on dry wood cut for fuel and rails, and the repeal of the dues of one dollar per ton on hay cut for sale on Dominion Lands, presented the following report:—

That no recommendation be made regarding hay.

That it is advisable to memorialize the Dominion Government to repeal the dues on dry wood cut for fuel and rails.

On the question being proposed, "shall the report of the Committee be now received,"

It was moved by Mr. CLINKSKILL, seconded by Mr. OLIVER,

That the report be referred back to the Committee on Agriculture to add the following words to the report,

"And that the dues levied on hay cut for sale on Dominion Lands, of one dollar per ton, be repealed."

And the question being put on the amendment, it passed in the negative.

And the question being again proposed, "Shall the report of the Committee be now received," it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Turriff, from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the question respecting the extermination of gophers, reported as follows:—

That all persons troubled by Gophers are recommended to use strychnine in either of the following ways:—

By sprinkling it on slices of raw potato,

By mixing it with dough or soft bread,

By soaking grain in water in which strychnine has been dissolved,

In all cases using small quantities and dropping these small quantities down the gopher burrows. That these means of extermination be adopted as soon as the gophers begin to make their appearance in the early spring. That copies of this recommendation, together with copies of the Ordinance respecting poisons be sent to the Secretary of each Agricultural Society in the Territories.

Resolved, that the House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of the whole to consider the said report.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Turriff re-

ported that the Committee recommend that the report be referred back to the Standing Committee on Agriculture for further consideration.

Ordered that the said Report be referred back to the Standing Committee on Agriculture for further consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Justice RICHARDSON, from the Special Committee appointed to assist Mr. SPEAKER in revising the rules and forms of proceeding of this House, reported that they had prepared a draft of such rules and forms of proceeding and laid the same on the table.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said draft.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. HAULTAIN reported

That the Committee had gone through the draft of the revised rules and forms of proceeding, and had directed him to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

The said rules and forms of proceeding were then read a third time and concurred in and are as follows:—

## RULES AND FORMS OF PROCEEDING In the

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES

1. The time for the ordinary meeting of the Assembly is at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, unless some other time shall have been previously fixed upon.

- 2. If at the time of meeting, a quorum be not present, Mr. Speaker may take the Chair and adjourn; the time of adjournment and the names of the members then present being taken down by the Clerk.
- 3. If at the hour of 5.30 p.m., the business of the day be not concluded, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair.
- 4. When the Assembly adjourns, the members shall keep their seats until Mr. Speaker has left the chair.
- 5. When the Assembly rises on Friday, unless otherwise ordered, it shall stand adjourned until the following Monday.
- 6. If any member shall take notice that strangers are present, Mr. Speaker or the Chairman (as the case may be), shall forthwith put the question that strangers be ordered to withdraw, without permitting any debate or amendment; provided that Mr. Speaker or the Chairman, may, whenever he thinks proper, order the withdrawal of strangers.
- 7. The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Assembly. In explaining a point of order, or practice, he shall state the rule or authority applicable to the case.
- 8. Every member desiring to speak is to rise in his place uncovered, and address himself to Mr. Speaker.
- 9. When two or more members rise to speak, Mr. Speaker calls upon the member who first rose in his place; but a motion may be made that any member who has risen "be now heard" cr "do now speak."
- 10. A member called to order shall sit down, but may afterwards explain. The Assembly, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be final.
- 11. No member shall speak disrespectfully of Her Majesty, nor of any of the Royal family, nor of the Governor or persons administering the Government of Canada, nor of the Lieutenant Governor of the Territories; nor shall he

use offensive words against the Assembly or against any member thereof. No member may reflect on any vote of the Assembly, except for the purpose of moving that such vote be rescinded. No member shall speak beside the question in debate.

- 12. Any member may require the question under discussion to be read at any time of the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member while speaking.
- 13. No member may speak twice to a question except in explanation of a material part of his speech in which he may have been misconceived, but then he is not to introduce new matter. A reply is allowed to a member who has moved a substantive motion to the Assembly, but not to any member who has moved an order of the day, an amendment, the previous question, or an instruction to a Committee.
- 14. No member is entitled to vote on any question in which he has a direct pecuniary interest, and the vote of any member so interested, will be disallowed.
- 15. When the Speaker is putting a question, no member shall walk out of or across the House, or make any noise or disturbance; and when a member is speaking, no member shall interrupt him, except to order, nor pass between him and the Chair.
- 16. Every member is bound to attend the service of the Assembly, unless leave of absence has been given him by the Assembly.
- 17. The ordinary daily business of the Assembly shall be as follows:—

Reading and adopting Minutes.
Reading and receiving Petitions.
Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees.
Notices of Motions and Questions.
Questions put by Members
Motions.
Orders of the day.

- 18. Orders of the day for the third reading of bills shall take precedence of all other orders for the same day except orders to which the Assembly had previously given priority.
- 19. Bills reported from Committees of the Whole with amendments shall be placed on the orders of the day for consideration by the Assembly next after third readings.
- 20. Bills reported after second reading from any Standing or Select Committee shall be placed on the orders of the day, following the reception of the report for reference to a Committee of the Whole in their proper order, next after Bills reported from Committees of the Whole;

And bills ordered for reference to a Committee of the Whole shall be placed for such reference on the orders of the day following the order of reference in their proper order next after bills reported from any Standing or Select Committee.

- 21. All items standing on the orders of the day shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned to each on the order book.
- 22. Questions put by members, motions and orders, not taken up when called, shall be dropped. Dropped orders shall be set down in the order book after the orders for the day for the next day on which the Assembly shall sit.
- 23. All orders undisposed of at the adjournment of the Assembly shall be postponed until the next sitting day without a motion to that effect.
- 24. If at the hour of 5.30 p,m. or at the time of adjournment of the Assembly, a motion on the notice paper be under consideration, that question shall stand first on the order of the following day after orders to which a special preference has been assigned by rule or order of the Assembly.
- 25. A motion for reading the orders of the day shall have preference to any motion before the Assembly.
- 26. Questions may be put to the Advisory Council on matters of finance, and to members relating to any bill,

motion or other public matter connected with, the business of the Assembly, in which such members may be concerned. In putting questions no argument or opinion is to be offered, nor any facts stated except so far as may be necessary to explain the same. In answering questions a member is not to debate the matter to which the same refers.

- 27. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; but no second motion to the same effect shall be made until after some intermediate proceeding shall have been had.
- 28. One day's notice shall be given of a motion for leave to present a bill, resolution or address, for the appointment of any Committee or for the putting of a question; but this rule shall not apply to bills after their introduction; or to private bills, or to the times of meeting or adjournment of the Assembly. Such notice to be given in writing by a member in his place, handed to the Clerk, and at once placed by him on the notice book.
- 29. A motion may be made by unanimous consent of the Assembly without previous notice.
- 30. All motions shall be in writing and seconded before being debated or put from the Chair.
- 31. A member who has made a motion may withdraw the same by leave of the Assembly, such leave being granted without any negative voice.
- 32. The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments of the main question, and shall be in the following words: "That this question be now put." If the previous question be resolved in the affirmative the original question is to be put forthwith without any amendment or debate.
- 33. A motion to commit a bill or question until decided shall preclude all amendments of the main question.
- 34. Whenever the Speaker is of opinion that a motion offered to the Assembly is contrary to the rules and privileges.

he shall apprise the Assembly immediately, before putting the question thereon, and quote the rule or authority applicable to the case.

- 35. Whenever any matter of privilege arises, it shall be taken into consideration immediately.
- 36. Every Bill shall be introduced upon motion for leave specifying the title of the Bill or upon motion to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring it in.
- 37. No Bill may be introduced either in blank or in an imperfect shape.
- 38. When any Bil! shall be presented by a member in pursuance of an order of the Assembly, the question, "That this Bill be now read a first time" shall be decided without amendment or debate.
- 39. Every Bill shall receive three several readings on different days previously to being passed, but on urgent or extraordinary occasions a Bill may be read twice or thrice or advanced two or more stages in one day.
- 40. When a Bill is read in the Assembly, the Clerk shall certify upon it, the reading and the time thereof. After it has passed he shall certify the same with the date at the foot of the Bill.
- 41. Every public Bill shall be read twice in the Assembly before committal or amendment.
- 42. In proceedings in Committee of the Whole House upon Bills, the preamble shall be first postponed, and then every clause considered by the Committee in its proper order, the preamble and title to be last considered.
- 43. All amendments made in Committee shall be reported by the Chairman to the Assembly, which shall receive the same forthwith. After report, the Bill shall be open to debate and amendments before it is ordered for a third reading; but when a Bill is reported without amendment it is

forthwith ordered to be read a third time at such time as may be appointed by the Assembly.

- 44. The Clerk of the Assembly shall cause to be affixed in some conspicuous part of the Chamber, a list of the several Standing and Select Committees appointed during the Session.
- 45. In forming a Committee of the Whole Assembly, the Speaker, before leaving the Chair, shall appoint a Chairman to preside, who shall maintain order in the Committee; and the rules of the Assembly shall be observed in Committee of the Whole Assembly so far as may be applicable, except the rule limiting the number of times of speaking.
- 46. Questions of order arising in Committee of the Whole Assembly, shall be decided by the Chairman, subject to an appeal to the Assembly, but disorder in a Committee can only be censured by the Assembly on receiving a report thereof.
- 47. A motion that the Chairman leave the Chair shall always be in order, and shall take precedence of any other motion.
- 48. Of the members appointed to compose a Committee, a majority of the same shall be a quorum unless the Assembly has otherwise ordered.
- 49. No select Committee may without leave of the Assembly consist of more than five members.
- 50. When members have been called in, preparatory to a division, no further debate is to be permitted.
- 51. Upon a division the "yeas" and "nays" shall not be entered upon the minutes unless demanded by two members.
- 52. Petitions to the Assembly shall be presented by a Member in his place who shall be answerable that they do not contain impertinent or improper matter.

- 53. Every Member, offering to present a petition to the Assembly, shall endorse his name thereon, and confine himself to a statement of the parties from whom it comes, the number of signatures attached to it, and the material allegations it contains. Petitions may be either written or printed; provided always that the signatures of at least three petitioners are subscribed on the sheet containing the prayer of the petition.
- 54. Every petition not containing matters in breach of the privileges of this Assembly, and which according to the rules or practices of this Assembly can be received, is brought to the Table by direction of the Speaker, who cannot allow any debate, or any Member to speak upon, or in relation to such petition, but it may be read by the Clerk at the Table, if required, or, if it complains of some present personal grievance requiring an immediate remedy, the matter contained therein may be brought into immediate discussion.
- 55. The Assembly will receive no petition for any grant of money or charge upon the Revenue, unless the same be first recommended to the Assembly by a message from the Lieutenant-Governor.
- 56. No petition for any private bill shall be received by he Assembly after the first fourteen days of each Session; nor may any private bill be presented after the first three weeks of each Session: nor may any report of any Standing or Select Committee upon a private Bill be received after the first four weeks of each Session.
- 57. All applications for private Bills shall require a notice clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application signed on behalf of the applicants, to be published in the Official Gazette and in one newspaper in the district affected.
- 58. Petitions for private Bills when received by the Assembly are to be taken into consideration (without special reference) by the Committee on Standing Orders which is to report in each case whether the rules with regard to notice have been complied with; and in every case where the notice shall prove to have been insufficient, either as regards

the petition as a whole or any matter therein which ought to have been specially referred to in the notice, the Committee is to recommend to the Assembly the course to be taken in consequence of such insufficiency of notice.

- 59. No motion for the suspension of the rules upon any petition for a private Bill is entertained unless the same has been reported upon by the Committee on Standing Orders.
- 60. All private bills are introduced on petition and presented to the Assembly upon a motion for leave, after such petition has been favourably reported on by the Committee on Standing Orders.
- 61. Any person seeking to obtain any private Bill giving any exclusive privilege or profit, or private or corporate advantage, or for any amendment of any former ordinance shall be required to deposit with the Clerk of the Assembly, eight days before the meeting of the Assembly, a copy of such Bill.
- 62. Every private Bill when read a second time is referred to the Standing Committee charged with the consideration of such Bill.
- 63. All persons whose interest or property may be affected by any private Bill, shall, when required to do so, appear before the Standing Committee touching their consent, or may send such consent in writing, proof of which may be demanded by such Committee. And in every case the Committee on any Bill for incorporating a company may require proof that the persons, whose names appear in the Bill, as composing the company, are of full age and in a position to effect the objects contemplated and have consented to become incorporated.
- 64. All questions before Committees on private Bills are decided by a majority of voices, including the voice of the Chairman, and whenever the voices are equal the Chairman has a second or casting vote.
  - 65. It is the duty of the Committee to which any private

Bill may have been referred by the Assembly, to call the attention of the Assembly specially to any provision inserted in such Bill that does not appear to have been contemplated in the notice for the same as reported npon by the Committee on Standing Orders.

- 66. The Committee to which a private Bill may have been referred, shall report the same to the Assembly in every case, and when any material alteration has been made in the preamble of the Bill, such alterations and the reasons for the same are to be stated in the report.
- 67. When the Committee on any private Bill report to the Assembly that the preamble of such Bill has not been proved to their satisfaction, they must also state the grounds upon which they have arrived at such a decision; and no Bill so reported upon shall be placed upon the orders of the day unless by special order of the Assembly.
- 68. Private Bills otherwise reported to the Assembly by such Committee, shall be placed upon the orders of the day following the reception of the report for consideration in Committee of the Whole, in their proper order, next after Bills referred to a Committee of the Whole Assembly.
- 69. The Chairman of the Committee shall sign with his name at length a written copy of the Bill on which the amendments are fairly written, and shall also sign with the initials of his name the several amendments made and clauses added in Committee.
- 70. No important amendment may be proposed to any private Bill in a Committee of the Whole Assembly or at a third reading of the Bill, unless one day's notice of the same shall have been given.
- 71. Except in cases of urgent and pressing necessity, no motion for the suspension or modification of any rule applying to private Bills or petitions for private Bills shall be entertained by the Assembly until after reference is made to the several Standing Committees charged with the

consideration of private Bills, and a report made thereon by one or more of such Committees.

72. In all unprovided cases the rules, usages and forms of the House of Commons of Canada shall be followed.

On motion of Mr. Turriff, seconded by Mr. Neff,

Resolved that the attendance of Mr. Ross at this day's sitting of the House be excused.

On motion of Mr. DAVIDSON, seconded by Mr. OLIVER,

Resolved that no new business be introduced at the present Session after Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. MITCHELL, seconded by Mr. SUTHER-LAND.

Resolved that a special Committee consisting of the following gentlemen, namely, Messrs. Ross, Oliver, Betts, Clinks-kill, Hoey, the mover and the seconder, be appointed a Committee to consider several questions relating to the Half Breeds of the Territories and to report upon the same to this House.

On motion of Mr. Thorburn, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Resolved that it is desirable that a Bill be framed, giving power to the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council to expropriate lands for public purposes and that the framing of such Bill be referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Tweed, Second, Thorburn, Turriff and Cayley.

On motion of Mr. DAVIDSON,

Resolved that when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until eight o'clock p.m.

The House according to order again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, to further consider Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and after some time spent therein. Mr. Jelly reported that the Committee had

made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill to enroll Thomas Christopher West as an Advocatof the Supreme Court of the North West Territories:

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House for next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at half-past 5 o'clock p.m.

Eight o'clock p.m.

Mr SPEAKER took the Chair.

The House according to order again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to further consider Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Jelly reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that that the Committee have leave to sit again to morrow.

The House according to order resolved into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to enroll Thomas Christopher West as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of the Territories, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Cayley reported the Bill agreed to with certain amendments.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration. The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

The House then adjourned.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. HAULTAIN, from the Standing Committee on Civil Justice presented the following Report:—

The Standing Committee on Civil Justice, to whom was referred the Bill entitled, an Ordinance for the abatement of Nuisances and for the better protection of Public Health, report the Bill with amendments.

Ordered that the said Report be received, and that the same be considered in Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

Mr. TURRIFF, from the Standing Committee on Agriculture presented the following Report:—

The Standing Committee on Agriculture recommend that a memorial be sent to the Dominion Government, praying that the words, "only where specially mentioned" in sub. sec. b, sec. 2 of the "Animals Contagious Diseases Act" 48-49 Vic., C. 70. s. 1. be struck out.

Ordered that the said Report be received and referred to the Memorial Committee to prepare a draft Resolution to the above effect.

Mr. CLINKSKILL from the Special Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial to the Dominion Government, representing the necessity of reconsidering the claims of the alleged Halfbreed Rebels, whose claims were rejected by the Commissioners on Rebellion Losses, presented the following Report:—

Whereas certain Halfbreeds settled in the Saskatchewan country have not received compensation for losses sustained during the late Rebellion, and, whereas these Halfbreeds have suffered great hardship on account of the non-payment of their claims, and, whereas in the absence of the Report of the Commissioners on Rebellion Losses, this Assembly is unaware of the reasons why the claims of these Halfbreeds have not been paid, and, whereas inasmuch as certain per-

sons, whom Members of this Assembly are convinced were actually engaged in the late Rebellion, have received compensation, it still more strongly impresses this Assembly with the necessity for the reconsideration of these claims;

Therefore, be it Resolved that the Dominion Government be asked to reconsider the claims of these Halfbreeds, and that such investigations be held by the Judges of the Supreme Court.

Ordered that the said Report be received and placed on the orders of the day for consideration in Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Moved by Mr. CLINKSKILL, seconded by Mr. TURRIFF,

Resolved that the Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, regarding the repeal of dues on dry wood cut for fuel and rails, be referred to the Memorial Committee for embodiment in their Report.

Ordered that Mr. Ross have leave to introduce a Bill to authorize and empower Ernest Harrold Scott to practice as a Physician and Surgeon of the North West Territories.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was read the first time and ordered to be read the second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. DAVIDSON, seconded by Mr. Betts,

Resolved that the Dominion Government be asked by this Assembly to extend to all those who made entry for thier Homesteads under the regulations made and enforced by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands during the year 1885 (which were to the effect that parties desirous of entering for any lands that had been cancelled, should not only pay for the improvements thereon, but could only obtain entry for same as 80 acres homestead and 80 acres pre-emption), the same privileges, as are enjoyed by the homesteader of today.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into

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Committee of the Whole, on the Bill for the abatement of Nuisances and for the better protection of Public Health, and after some time spent therein. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Thorburn reported the Bill agreed to with certain amendments.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration. The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered that the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to further consider Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Second reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next Sitting of the House.

Resolved, that when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until eight o'clock p.m.

The House then adjourned.

Eight o'clock p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to further consider Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Second reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. DAVIDSON presented a petition from settlers in the Fort Qu'Appelle District, praying for an appropriation for the construction of a highway.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

Mr. Davidson presented a petition from settlers in the Indian Head District. praying for an appropriation for the construction of a highway.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

On motion of Mr. CAYLEY, seconded by Mr. TWEED,

Resolved that the attendance of Mr. Brett and of the Honorable Mr. Justice MacLeon be excused from this day's sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. REAMAN, seconded by Mr. NEFF,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Memorial Committee to prepare a draft memorial to the Dominion Government, praying that the time for the payment of pre-emptions be extended for five years, without interest, such extension to apply only to bona fide and continuous residents.

On motion of Mr. Turriff, seconded by Mr. Oliver,

Resolved, That a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. NEFF, RICHARDSON, Ross, and the mover and seconder, be appointed to submit a proposition for taking a vote of the people of the Territories on the question of Prohibition or License, in accordance with the Resolution passed by the House on the 20th instant.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Report of

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the Special Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial to the Dominion Government asking for the reconsideration of Half Breed claims for Rebellion losses, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Clinkskill reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The order of the day being read for the third reading of the Bill for the Abatement of Nuisances and for the protection of Public Health outside Municipalities, the said Bill was read the third time.

Ordered that this Bill do now pass, and be entitled "An Ordinance for the Abatement of Nuisances and for the Protection of Public Health Outside Municipalities."

The order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill enabling Ernest Harrold Scott to be registered as a Medical Prectitioner of the Territorics,

The said bill was read the second time and ordered to be referred to the Standing Committee on Civil Justice.

The House according to order again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to further consider Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Jelly reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. CLINKSKILL, seconded by Mr. TWEED,

Resolved that whereas in the administration of the Supreme Court in the country centered upon Edmonton, under the present arrangement of the Judicial Districts, the neces-

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sity of transmitting all papers connected therewith to Calgary for completion involves a delay of not less than ten days, and

Whereas from Medicine Hat to Fort McLeod involves a delay of not less than ten days, and

Whereas from Battleford to Prince Albert involves a delay of not less than four weeks:

Therefore, be it Resolved that the inconvenience attending the administration of Justice in the Supreme Court in the section of country centered upon Edmonton, Medicine Hat and Battleford has been proved to be so great that this Assembly appeals to His Excellency the Governor-Generalin-Council to cause the portions of the Northwest Territories as described below to be formed into Judicial Districts, and for the appointment of a Clerk of Court and a Sheriff for each such District, which will not necessarily increase the number of Judges:

The Edmonton Judicial District—That portion of the Provisional District of Alberta lying north of Township 42.

The Medicine Hat Judicial District—That portion of the Provisional District of Assiniboia lying west of the Judicial District of Western Assiniboia.

The Battleford Judicial District-That portion of the Provisional District of Saskatchewan lying west of the fifth range of Townships west of the Third Initial Meridian.

Carried.

Resolved that when the House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until eight o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at half-past five o'clock.

Eight o'clock p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into

Committee of the Whole to further consider Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, and Mr. TWEED reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next Sitting of the House.

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until half past two o'clock to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 24th November, 1888.

Half-past Two o'clock p.m.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor for communication to the Legislative Assembly, the Report of the Board of Education.

The said Report was then laid on the Table.

Mr. HAULTAIN from the Standing Committee on Civil Justice, reported the Bill to authorize and empower Ernest Harrold Scott to practice as a Physician and Surgeon of the North-West Territories.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Ross reported the Bill agreed to with amendments.

Ordered that the said amendments be now taken into consideration.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered that the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Thorburn, from the Special Committee appointed to draft a Bill giving power to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to expropriate lands for public purposes, presented the following Report:—

The Committee report,

That after giving the matter the consideration its importance demands, they deem it advisable to suggest, in view of the importance of the subject, the care, time and attention that will be required in order to bring in a thoroughly well-considered Bill, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he may appoint a Commission to prepare an Ordinance on this subject, as well as Ordinances on some other subjects, which the Assembly deems fit to have dealt with before next Session.

Ordered that the said Report be received.

On motion of Mr. CAYLEY, seconded by Mr. TWEED,

Resolved that the attendance of Mr. Brett from this day's sitting of the House be excused.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Special Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial to the Dominion Government, asking for reconsideration of Halfbreed claims for Rebellion losses, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Clinkskill reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered that the Report be now received.

Mr. Clinkskill reported the Resolution accordingly, and the same was read as follows:—

Whereas it has been represented to this Assembly by some of its Members from their seats.

That among the Halfbreeds, resident in the Electoral Districts bordering on the Saskatchewan River, who preferred claims for losses during the Rebellion of 1885 before the Commissioners on such claims, and whose claims have been rejected, while others, well known to have been directly implicated in the uprising; have had their claims allowed;

That such apparent discrimination has given rise to a wide spread feeling among the Halfbreeds referred to, that those who stood loyal have not received the justice intended by the Government at the hands of the Commission:

Be it resolved that a humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying he will be pleased to communicate the allegations made in the preamble of this Resolution, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General, and praying that His Excellency may be pleased to have such steps taken, as will cause the reconsideration of the whole subject of Claims by Halfbreeds for losses during the said Rebellion, with a view to the allowance to those able to prove themselves to have been loyal, of such amounts as may be found equal to their losses.

And the Assembly is of opinion that the appointment of a Judge of the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories, as Commissioner to deal with the matters suggested, would be satisfactory to the people of the Territories.

The said Resolution was then twice read and agreed to.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tweed reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House then adjourned.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Tweed presented a petition from settlers in the district of Medicine Hat, Dunmore and vicinity, with reference to the crossing of the Ross Creek.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

Mr. REAMAN presented a petition from the residents of Saltcoats and vicinity, praying for the erection of a Lock-up and Court House.

Ordered that the petition be received and laid on the Table.

Mr. DAVIDSON presented a petition from the Municipal Council of Indian Head, praying for the legalization of a By-law.

Ordered that the petition be received and laid on the Table.

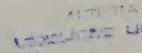
Ordered that the attendance of the Honorable Mr. Justice MACLEOD and Mr. Brett at this day's sitting of the House be excused.

Mr. Second asked the Advisory Council the following question: "Is it their intention to introduce this Session a "Bill to regulate and require the election of Members of "this House to be by ballot?"

Mr. HAULTAIN replied as follows :-

"The Advisory Council do not consider that this matter comes within their functions or responsibilities."

Mr. Ross from the Special Committee appointed to submit a proposition for taking a vote of the people of the Territories on the question of Prohibition or License, presented the following Report:—



The Committee appointed on November 23rd to draft a proposition for submitting the question of License or Prohibition to a vote of the people of the Territories desires to submit the following Report:—

- 1. That the vote in the late election of Members of this Assembly has been used as a basis upon which to compile this Report.
- 2. That to secure a full expression of public opinion, it will be necessary to hold a poll at every place where one was held during the late Election (with the exceptions herein-after mentioned) and certain other places, where, owing to the Elections in these districts being by acclamation, a poll was not necessary.
- 3. That the total number of places at which a poll was held, in the sixteen Electoral Districts in which a poll was necessary, was 129 and that in the 3 Electoral Districts where Members were elected by acclamation, 23 would be necessary making in all 152 polls.
- 4. That as at Nut Lake polling place in the Kinistino District, no resident vote was polled, it does not appear necessary that a poll should be open there.
  - (1.) This would reduce the polling places to 151.
- 5. That certain polling places in the Prince Albert Electoral District are at such great distances from any centre of population, and from mail communication, and have such a small total vote, that in the late Elections the cost of recording the 139 votes polled was \$1932.
- 6. That it would be advisable in estimating the cost of the proposed vote, to consider the expenses in these cases separately from the cost in regard to the remainder of the polling places.
  - 7. That the names of these polling places are:

Cumberland, The Pas, Red Deer Lake, Lac La Rouge, Snake Plain, Shell River, Green Lake.

Seven in all.

- (a.) If it is decided that these cases shall be considered separately, the total number for general consideration is reduced to 144.
- 8. That all the means necessary to be taken at these 144 proposed polling places can be taken without any travelling expenses being incurred, provided, that from 2 to 3 months are allowed to elapse between the issue of the Proclamation and the day of voting.
- 9. That the expenses at each polling place, which were in the late elections five dollars for Returning Officers, three dollars for Poll Clerk, and four dollars for rent of poll booth, may be reduced to three dollars for Deputy Returning Officer, and two dollars for rent of booth or five dollars in all. The Poll Clerk being dispensed with.
- 10. That it would be necessary to post a notice of the day, hour and place of voting at the polling booth, at least three weeks before the day of voting, and four similar notices in conspicuous places within the polling division.
- (a.) Each Deputy Returning Officer to be allowed two dollars for filling out and posting such notices.
- .11. That it would be necessary in order that full information regarding the vote to be taken, the qualification of voters, the boundaries of polling Divisions, the election proceedings, &c., might be as widely known as possible, that 3,000 copies of a pamphlet of from 30 to 50 pages, containing this information, should be published and circulated; the cost of which would not exceed \$250.

- 12. That a Returning Officer for the Territories would have to be appointed to provide for the carrying on of the election, with a salary not exceeding \$250.
- 13. That an amount of \$250 would be required to cover cost of postage, stationery, &c., required by the Returning Officer in carrying out the proposed election or voting.
- 14. That the total cost of the proposed vote in the 144 polling places mentioned would be \$1758.
- 15. That regarding the seven polling places mentioned in the district of Saskatchewan, the total mileage to be travelled in reaching them by special messenger, carrying appointment of Deputy Returning Officer, and return, would be 2402 miles, which, at 20cts. a mile, would cost \$480.40.
- 16. That it would be possible to convey the necessary instructions by Hudson's Bay Company's packets, if that would be considered satisfactory, and if the instructions were forwarded to Prince Albert before January 1st, without incurring the above mentioned expense of special messenger.
- 17. That it would be advisable to defer the vote as long as possible so that all matters regarding the voting might be better understood, so long as the result was not delayed to such an extent that the Dominion Parliament could not take action on it during the coming Session.
- 18. That the terms "license" and "prohibition" should be defined in full by this Assembly, according to the meaning that is desired they should respectively bear.
- 19. That the Dominion Government be asked to give effect to the result of the proposed vote according to the popular wish expressed thereby or to delegate that power to this Assembly.

Ordered that the said Report be received and committed to a Committee of the Whole House for to-morrow.

The order of the day being read for the third reading of the Bill to authorize and empower Ernest Harrold Scott to practise as a Surgeon and Physician in the Territories, the said Bill was read the third time.

Ordered That this Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Ordinance to authorise and empower Ernest Harrold Scott to register as a Medical Practitioner of the Territories."

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tweed reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 27th November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Turriff, from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, presented the following Report.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition of J. Clarke, W. A. Green and others, for compensation for glandered horses destroyed by veterinary-surgeon, beg to report as follows:—

That several of the settlers have had their teams shot and are not in a position to replace them. That from the report

of the veterinary surgeon it was necessary in the public interest to destroy these horses:

Resolved, That a Memorial be sent to the Dominion Government, asking that a compensation in part be paid to those who have suffered.

Ordered that the Report be received, concurred in and transferred to the Memorial Committee for embodiment in their Report.

Moved by Mr. RICHARDSON seconded by Mr. THORBURN,

Whereas, in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886 persons making entry for homesteads and pre-emptions, that had been cancelled, were charged, in addition to an extra fee for cancellation, an extra price for their pre-emptions varying in price from two dollars and seventy-five cents to three dollars and fifty cents per acre:

And whereas the above mentioned lands were not worth the amounts charged, being in many instances higher than the surrounding land:

And whereas, it has been shown that it is necessary for every bona fide settler to have not less than three hundred and twenty acres:

Resolved that this Assembly strongly recommends to the Dominion Government the advisability of placing all preemptions, within twenty miles of an operated railway, at the price of two dollars per acre, and all pre-emptions, farther than twenty miles from an operated railway, at one dollar per acre to all bona fide resident settlers. And to such bona fide resident settlers, who have paid any portion of the charge for their pre-emptions, that such amount or amounts be credited to such person or persons at the prices hereinbefore named.

Ordered that this Resolution be received and referred to a

Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Oliver, Tweed, Clinkskill, Richardson and Thorburn.

On motion of Mr. TURRIFF, seconded by Mr. CLINKLKILL,

Resolved that a Memorial be forwarded to the Dominion Government, asking that an advance of seed grain be made to settlers who have lost their crops, and that the said grain be advanced on the same terms and conditions, as made with the settlers in the North-West in 1886.

Ordered that the attendance of the Honorable Mr. Justice MacLeon be excused from this day's sitting of the House.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Special Committee appointed to submit a proposition for taking a vote of the people of the Territories, on the question of prohibition or license, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Ross reported that the Committee had gone through the Report and had made certain amendments thereto.

On the question being put "Shall the Report of the Committee of the Whole be now concurred in?" it was moved in amendment by Mr. TWEED, seconded by Mr. CAYLEY.

That the Report be not now concurred in, but referred back to the Special Committee with a view of eliciting their recommendation as to the best method of

- (1.) Securing a full franchise.
- (2.) How the vote is to be provided for financially.
- (3.) How long the vote shall hold good.
- (4.) Providing for punishment of Bribery and Corruption.
  - (5.) Whether vote shall be an open one or by ballot.
  - (6.) Total estimate of cost of Election.

And the question being put on the amendment, it passed in the affirmative. The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Turriff reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next Sitting of the House.

The House then adjourned.

# Wednesday, 28th NOVEMBER, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Ross, from the Special Committee appointed to submit a proposition for taking a vote of the people of the Territories on the question of Prohibition or Licence, to whom their report had been referred back, to elicit their recommendation on certain questions submitted to them, presented the following Report.

The Special Committee report, in reply to the several questions submitted to them, as follows:—

Question 1. As to the best method of obtaining a full franchise?

Reply. That as section 2 of the Report submitted by the Committee on the 27th instant was to the effect, that an adequate expression of public opinion could be secured by means of polls established at the various points, where polls were held during the late Election of Members of this Assembly, and, as that section was passed in Committee of the Whole without amendment, they do not consider it necessary to make any further suggestions in that matter, except to say, that wherever exceptions to the above rule

occur, they can but be dealt with on the introduction of a Bill to provide for a vote being taken.

Question 2. How the vote is to be provided for financially?

Reply. That as the proposition to take a vote has originated with this Assembly, and as the Committee has no knowledge of the wishes or intentions of the Federal Government in the matter, and as no action could possibly be taken by the Federal Government until after next Session of Parliament, and as it is desirable that there should be as little delay as possible; The Committee would recommend that the Assembly take the vote at its own expense, provided that the expense is kept within reasonable limits.

Question 3. How long the vote shall hold good?

Reply. That owing to the fact that this Assembly cannot possibly count on future action on the part of either the Federal Government, or the Legislative Assembly, the Committee cannot recommend any limit of time, during which the suggested Ordinance shall remain in force.

Question 4. As to the best method for the punishment of Bribery and Corruption?

Reply. That it does not appear necessary to this Committee to provide for dealing with bribery and corruption in case the proposed vote is taken, until it is decided that the Assembly shall take the vote.

Question 5. Whether the vote shall be an open one or by ballot?

Reply. That if the cost of a ballot vote would not greatly exceed the cost of an open vote, our estimate of which was contained in the Report submitted on the 27th instant, the Committee would recommend a ballot vote, but the Committee does not wish to delay the consideration of this matter by taking the time necessary to make an accurate estimate of the cost of a ballot vote, when the Assembly has

not yet decided to bear the expense of taking the vote by either method.

### Question 6. Total estimate of cost of Election ?

Reply. An estimate of the cost is contained in the Report submitted, and amended in Committee of the Whole on the 27th instant, and the Committee has seen no reason to alter the estimate contained therein, which is as follows:—

Postage on 3000 Pamphlets at 1ct.,	\$ 30	00		
Postage on letters of instructions,	45	00		
152 Poll books at 25cts.,	38	00		
Printing Notices,	10	00		
Postage on do.,	1	50		
Stationery and Contingences,	125			
			250	()()
144 Polls at \$7,	1008	00		
7 Polls, mileage at 40cts.,	960	00		
Expenses 7 Polls at 87,	49	00		
Pamphlets 3,000,	250	()()		
Returning Officer,	250	()()		
Contingencies,	233	()()		
			2,750	00
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			\$3,000	00

Resolved, That the House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of the Whole upon the said Report.

The House accordingly resolved itself into said Committee and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ross reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, seconded by Mr. NEFF.

Resolved, That the following question be submitted to the

Honorable the Legal Experts for their opinion: "Has this Assembly a legal right to take a vote of the people on License or Prohibition?"

Mr. MITCHELL, from the Special Committee, appointed for the purpose of considering several questions relating to the Halfbreeds of the Territories, presented the following Report:—

The Special Committee report, That this Assembly recommend that the granting of Scrip to Halfbreeds of Manitoba and the North-West Territories be extended to such Halfbreed heads of families and their children, who, on the 15th day of July, 1870, were residents of non-ceded Territory, and who have since removed to either Manitoba or the North-West Territories. That this Assembly would further recommend, that Halfbreeds residing in the North-West Territories on the 20th April, 1885, who were otherwise entitled to Scrip, but who failed to comply with the Order-in-Council of 20th April, 1885, be granted Scrip notwithstanding such Order-in-Council.

That this Assembly would also urge the appointment of the Judges of the North-West Territories, as permanent Commissioners, to adjust and investigate Halfbreed claims, as the system of a flying Commission is very unsatisfactory to the people, and unnecessarily expensive to the Government.

That, as under the Halfbreed Commission of the 28th March, 1885, the Indian title is, as far as Halfbreeds are concerned, only extended to those born prior to the 15th July, 1870; and as in the interval between the 15th July, 1870 and the 28th March, 1885, a number were born to parents coming under the said Commission of 1885, who, in the opinion of this Assembly, have equal rights to those already dealt with; This Assembly would therefore claim the attention of the Dominion Government to the fact, and urge that such steps be taken to finally end all Halfbreed claims.

Ordered that the said Report be received and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, seconded by Mr. THORBURN,

COULT AND LINEDEN.

Resolved. That all resolutions relating to Dominion Lands be submitted to a Special Committee, composed of Messrs. OLIVER, TWEED, CLINKSKILL, and the mover and seconder to report to this Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. TWEED, seconded by Mr. BRETT.

Resolved, That the matter of having Responsible Government be referred to the Memorial Committee for the purpose of being embodied in their Report.

On the motion of Mr. TWEED, seconded by Mr. CAYLEY,

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to enenquire into the Financial arrangements now existing between the Dominion Government and North-West Territories, with a view of making a recommendation thereon, and that such Committee be composed of the following members: Messrs, Oliver, Betts, Haultain, the mover and seconder.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tweed reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, that when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until eight o'clock p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair at half-past Five o'clock, p.m.

Eight o'cleck p.m.

Mr Speaker took the Chair.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tweed reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved, that the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Brett reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 29th November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Jelly, seconded by Mr. MITCHELL,

Resolved, That Messrs. LINEHAM, TWEED, Ross, the mover and seconder be appointed a Committee to consider the best means to be adopted to encourage the breeding of high class horses and cattle in the North-West Territories.

On motion of Mr. Jelly, seconded by Mr. Reaman,

Resolved, That the question of the advisability of asking the Dominion Government to make changes in the Dominion Land's Act respecting Second Homesteading, Tree Planting, and a Land Board for the Territories, be referred to the Special Committee appointed to deal with matters relating to Dominion Lands.

On motion of Mr. Betts, seconded by Mr. Hoey,

Resolved, That Mr. Plaxton be excused from attendance at this day's sitting of the House.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Report of the Special Committee appointed to submit proposition for taking a vote of the people of the Territories on the question of prohibition or license, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair, Mr. Ross reported that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Report of the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of considering several questions relating to the Halfbreeds of the Territories, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had gone through the Report and had made certain amendments thereto.

Ordered, that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, that the Report be referred to the Memorial Committee to draft a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council in accordance therewith.

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The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tweed reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the Committee have leave to sit again to-

The House then adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, 30th November, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Brett presented a petition from the residents of Morley, with reference to the construction of a Bridge across the Bow River.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Advisory Council.

The Honorable Mr. Justice RICHARDSON, from the Legal Experts, to whom had been referred the question:

"Has this Assembly the legal right to take a vote of the people on license or prohibition,"

Presented the following report:

By the North-West Territories Act, Section 13, as amended by the Act of 1888, the Assembly "shall have such powers to make Ordinances for the Government of the North-West Territories, as the Governor in Council from time to time confers upon it."

The powers of the Assembly to legislate are conferred by Orders in Council of the 26th June, 1883, and 7th July, 1886:

# By the former:

- 1. Territorial offices and officers.
- 2. Prisons.
- 3. Municipal Institutions.
- 4. Licenses (except liquor).
- 5. Solemnization of Marriages.
- 6. Administration of Justice "Civil."
- 7. Imposing fines for enforcing Ordinances.
- 8. Property and Civil rights (Subject to Dominion Legislation).
- 9. Generally all matters of a merely local or private nature in the Territories.

# And by the latter:

- 1. Direct taxation for Revenue.
- 2. Incorporating Companies.

The question propounded by the Assembly to the Legal Experts is:

"Has this Assembly the Legal right to pass an Ordinance for taking a vote of the people on License vs. Prohibition?"

In the opinion of the Experts,

The power, if it exists at all for taking the desired step, can only be exercised under the 9th paragraph of the Order in Council of June 1883.

To determine this, it is necessary to define the meanings of

- 1. What are matters (generally) of a local nature?
- 2. What private?

In Maxwell's Treatise on Statutes,

"Enactments of a local and personal character are described as those which, confer any exceptional exemption from a common burden or invest private persons or bodies for their own benefit and profit with privileges and powers interfering with the property or rights of others."

Applying this principle to the present case, in the opinion of the Experts,

"Local," refers to and means: affecting some one or more particular localities within the Territories.

"Private," enactments which affect those individuals interested in their provisions, as against the rest of the Territories.

In construing Statutes, the rule of Law as laid down by Maxwell is that:

"Enactments, which delegate subordinate legislative powers are to be construed strictly.

If the Subordinate Legislature pursue the authority delegated to it in passing Statutes, its acts are valid and binding. If it transcend the bounds of that authority, its acts are invalid and of no force.

In the opinion of the Experts, the position of the Legislative Assembly seems to be that of an institution called interexistence for (amongst others) the certain special purposes defined in the Orders in Council referred to, That it has those which are thus expressly given it or are absolutely requisite for the due carrying out of those purposes;

And therefore any obligation or powers it affects to assume, which do not arise from or out of the pursuit of such purposes, would be null and void.

The only answer to the question propounded to the Experts—after giving the subject their best consideration—is that the power to legislate in the direction suggested is not vested in the Assembly.

Ordered that the said report be laid on the table.

Ordered that Mr. Brett have leave to introduce a Bill respecting the registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time to-morrow.

Ordered, that the Bill to enroll Thomas Christopher West, as an Advocate of the Territories, be placed on the orders of the day for third reading to-morrow.

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On motion of Mr. MITCHELL seconded by Mr. BETTS,

Resolved, that a copy of the resolution passed by this Assembly, respecting the granting of scrip to Half-breeds, be forwarded to each Member of the Dominion Parliament resident within the Territories.

On motion of Mr. Turriff, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Resolved that, when the House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until half-past two o'clock to-morrow.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the report of the Special Committee appointed to submit a proposition for taking a vote of the people of the Territories on the question of prohibition or license and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ross reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 1st December, 1888. 2.30 o'clock p.m.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Turriff, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare and introduce a Bill respecting Elections in the Territories, presented the following report.

The Special Committee, appointed to prepare a Bill respecting Elections in the Territories, beg to report as follows:

In this matter, it is the opinion of your Committee, that an Election Bill be prepared on the following lines, and it is deemed advisable that the Assembly approve of the principles involved before proceeding to draft the Bill in full.

Qualification. Male British subject, by birth or naturalization, of the age of twenty-one years, not an Indian, whose place of residence for six months immediately preceding the date of voting, shall have been within the Electoral District.

Voting to be by ballot, the system recommended shall be as provided for the first elections in Municipalities.

Your Committee further recommend, that a Commissioner be appointed to prepare an Election Ordinance embodying the above principles.

The said Report was received, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved, that the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, and Mr. TURRIFF reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill to enroll Thomas Christopher West as an Advocate of the Territories:

Ordered, that the said Order be discharged and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House for Monday next.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Special Committee appointed to submit a proposition for taking a vote of the people of the Territories on the question of prohibition or license, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ross reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Brett reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

ordered, that the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House then adjourned.

# Monday, 3rd December, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Ordered that the attendance of the Honorable Mr. Justice RICHARDSON and Mr. CLINKSKILL be excused from attendance at this day's sitting of the House.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to enroll Thomas Christopher West as an advocate of the Territories, and after some time spent therein. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Cayley reported the Bill agreed to with amendments.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered that the Bill be read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Special Com-

mittee appointed to prepare a Bill respecting Elections in the Territories, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Turriff reported that the Committee had gone through the report and had made certain amendments thereto.

Ordered that the said amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

The said report was then concurred in and reads as follows:

The Special Committee appointed to prepare a Bill respecting Elections in the Territories beg to report as follows:

In this matter it is the opinion of your Committee that an Election Bill be prepared on the following lines, and it is deemed advisable that the Assembly approve of the principles involved before proceeding to draft the Bill in full.

Voting to be by ballot, the system recommended shall be as provided for first elections in Municipalities.

Your Committee further recommend that a Commissioner be appointed to prepare an Election Ordinance embodying the above principles.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Jelly reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the Bill respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Brett reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again tomorrow.

The House then adjourned.

TUESDAY, 4th December, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Tweed presented a petition from settlers in the Medicine Hat District with reference to a bridge over Ross Creek.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

Moved by Mr. SECORD, seconded by Mr. BRETT

That a humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor requesting him to grant free of cost permits to duly enrolled Druggists to import into these Territories such quantities of Alcohol, as he may deem they require for their trade purposes.

On the question being put, it passed in the negative.

Moved by Mr. REAMAN, seconded by Mr. NEFF.

That, Whereas on the 23rd November, 1888, the Assembly decided that it was advisable that a vote of the people should be taken on the question of License v. Prohibition:

And Whereas the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of submitting a scheme for taking such vote recommended that this Assembly pass an Ordinance for the taking of such vote:

And Whereas in answer to the question submitted by this Assembly: Has this Assembly the legal right to take a vote of the people on the said question of License v. Prohibition? the Honorable the Legal Experts decided that this Assembly had not such power, Therefore, Be it resolved,

That this Assembly memorialize the Dominion Government to pass such legislation at its next Session, as will give this Assembly the full power to deal with the Liquor question in the Territories.

On the motion being put it was moved in amendment by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Brett,

That all the words after "that" in the first line of the question be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

Whereas on the 23rd of November, 1888, this Assembly decided that a vote of the people should be taken on the question of License v. Prohibition;

And Whereas it has been decided that this Assembly has not the power to make provision for taking such a vote:

Be it Resolved that in the opinion of this Assembly, a vote of the Territories on the question of License or Prohibition should immediately be taken:

But in the event of provision for the taking of such vote not being made by the Dominion Authorities at the next Session of the Dominion Parliament, it is the opinion of this Assembly that powers similar to those enjoyed by Provinces under the British North America Act in respect of the Liquor question should be forthwith granted to this Assembly.

And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for were taken down as follows:—

Yeas,—Messrs. Haultain,

MITCHELL,
SUTHERLAND,
PLANTON,
HOEY,
RICHARDSON,
NEFF,
BRETT,

TWEED.

CAYLEY, LINEHAM, BETTS, DAVIDSON, 13.

Nays.—Messes, Jelly, Reaman, Thorburn, Oliver, Secord, Turriff, Ross, 7

So it passed in the affirmative.

The question then being put upon the main motion as amended, it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the attendance of the Honorable Messrs. Justices RICHARDSON and ROULEAU, and of Mr. CLINKSKHL. be excused from attendance at this day's sitting of the House.

The order of the day being read for the third reading of the Bill to enroll Thomas Christopher West, as an Advocate of the Territories.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Ordered that the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Ordinance to enroll Thomas Christopher West as an Advocate of the Territories."

The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved, that the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker re-

sumed the Chair, and Mr. Brett reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House, on Chapters of the Bill respecting the Revised Ordinances, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tweed reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House on the Bill respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Brett reported the Bill agreed to with amendments.

Crdered that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered that the Bill be placed on the orders of the day for third reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr. MITCHELL,

Resolved, that the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories," be placed on the orders of the day for the second reading tomorrow.

The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 5th December, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. CAYLEY, from the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented the following report:—

The Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections beg leave to submit the following report on the petition of Charles Eugène Boucher, and others, praying that Mr. Hillyard Mitchell, the sitting Member for the Electoral District of Batoche, be expelled from his seat and that George L. Fisher be called to take his seat and that punishment be inflicted on the Returning Officer.

That the Committee has examined the petition, affidavits, poll books and other documents submitted to them;

That under "The Controverted Elections Ordinance No. 7 of 1884," it is provided, amongst other things, that the Petitioner, on forwarding his petition to the Lieutenant-Governor, shall pay certain fees and accompany his petition with an affidavit stating that the allegations contained in the petition are true, after which the Lieutenant-Governor shall forward the petition and accompanying documents to the Clerk of the proper Court for the trial of the case;

That in the case before the Committee, the petition was not accompanied with the necessary fees, nor was there an affidavit supplied of the nature required in the Ordinance:

That the consequent steps were not taken by the Lieutenant-Governor:

That the Petitioner, whether from that or other causes, did not seek relief at the hands of the Court;

The Committee thinks that the remedy offered by the Ordinance should have been exhausted before recourse was had to this Assembly.

The Committee also thinks that, if the remedy offered by the Ordinance had been found inapplicable, that the Assembly would have offered relief.

But that they do not feel justified in recommending, under the circumstances stated, that this Assembly should

introduce retro-active legislation to deal with the contested Election of Members at the late Election.

That as regards the Returning Officer, the Committee finds that he has apparently acted in good faith.

Ordered that the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Cayley reported the report agreed to without amendment.

On the question being put "Shall this Report be now concurred in," it was moved in amendment by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Turriff that this report be not now concurred in, but that it be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House for the addition of the following words:—

"Your Committee would recommend that the controvert-"ed Election Ordinance No. 7 of 1884 be so amended as to "cover the case of the petitioner against the Return of "Hillyard Mitchell the sitting Member for Batoche."

And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided and the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

Yeas,—Messis. Sutherland, Jelly, Oliver, Turriff, Ross, 5

Nays,—Messrs. Haultain, Reaman, Plaxton, Hoey, Thorburn, OUR DECEMBER,

1000

NEFF,
BRETT,
TWEED,
CAYLEY,
LINEHAM,
BETTS,
DAVIDSON,
SECORD,

CLINKSKILL.

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So it passed in the negative.

The said report was then concurred in.

Mr. Oliver asked the Advisory Council the following question:—

"On whose advice does His Honor the Lieutenant-Gov-"ernor assume that a Member of this Assembly, as such, has "any responsibility in connection with the recommendation "of Beer Licenses."

Mr. HAULTAIN, replied as follows :-

"The granting of permits is a matter entirely within the discretion of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in ac"cordance with the provisions of the North-West Territo"ries Act."

Ordered that the Honorable Messrs. Justices Richardson and Rouleau be excused from attendance at the sittings of the House to-day and to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Bill respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery, it was moved by Mr. HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr. SUTHER-LAND, that the said order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

And the question being put, it passed in the negative.

The said Bill was then read the third time.

Ordered that the said Bill do now pass and be entitled "An

Ordinance respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery."

The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories," the said Bill was accordingly read the second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House for to-morrow.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting the registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Brett reported the Bill agreed to with amendments.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered that the said Bill be placed on the Orders of the day for third reading to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 6th December, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. HAULTAIN presented a petition from settlers in the Macleod District with reference to a bridge across the Old Man's River.

Ordered that the petition be received and laid on the table.

Mr. Ross presented a petition from settlers in the Moose Jaw District with reference to a bridge over the Moose Jaw Creek.

Ordered that the petition be received and referred to the Advisory Council.

Mr. Ross from the Standing Committee on Agriculture presented the following report:—

The Standing Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

(1). That, whereas efforts have been made to secure certain privileges from the Dominion Government to a sect called Mormons to induce their Immigration to the North-West Territories, we desire to recommend to this Assembly the importance of memorializing the Dominion Government to grant no privileges to any such sect not accorded to any individual settler.

Your Committee would further recommend that a sum of five thousand dollars be voted from the General Revenue Fund of the Territories, and that this House by every means at its disposal press upon the Dominion Government the advisability of granting us the sum of ten thousand dollars, both of said sums to be used for Immigration purposes; with such sums at the disposal of this House your Committee are of the opinion that greater results will be had both to the Dominion as a whole and to the Territories in particular, than can be had by the expenditure of a like sum under the general Immigration schemes of the Dominion.

We would suggest that two permanent officials, selected by this House, be located in Great Britain, also that four agents be appointed by this House, one being from each of the Dominion Electoral Districts, who shall be located for a period of three months at four of the principal points in Eastern Canada and United States, as say Montreal, Quebec, Toronto and Chicago.

We would further suggest that several pamphlets be prepared, giving a full description of the various localities suitable for settlement within these vast Territories, believing as we do that it is impossible in a single pamphlet to do justice to the varied natural resources of our Territories.

We would report that we have made an estimate of the probable cost of the scheme we propose, as follows:—

#### SALARIES.

Two permanent officials in Great Britain at \$100 per month, each	2,400.00
Chicago, 3 months at \$100 per month	1,200.00
TRAVELLING EXPENSES.	
Two officials in Great Britain at \$5 per day each \$	3,600.00
Four agents in Eastern Canada at \$5 per day	1,800.00
Office expenses	2,000.00
Preparing and printing pamphlets	4,000.00

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Ordered that the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ross reported the report agreed to without amendment.

The said report was then concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Brett,

Resolved that an humble address be presented to His Honorthe Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will transmit the Resolution passed on the 4th December instant on the subject of the Liquor Question to the proper authorities for the information of the Governor-General-in-Council.

Ordered that Messrs. MITCHELL and SECORD be excused from attendance at this day's sitting of the House.

The Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Bill respecting the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, the said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Ordered that the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Ordinance respecting Births, Marriages and Deaths."

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Haultain reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, that when the House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until half-past eight o'clock p.m.

The House then adjourned.

Half-past eight o'clock p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair.

The House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Haultain reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again to-

The House then adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 7th, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. THORBURY presented a Petition from settlers in the Broadview District with reference to the Herd Ordinance.

Ordered that the Petition be received and laid on the table.

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On motion of Mr. CAYLEY, seconded by Mr. TWEED,

Resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that His Honor-in-Council may appoint a Commissioner or Commissioners to prepare legislation to be submitted to the next meeting of this Assembly on the following subjects:

1. An Act providing a cheaper code of procedure for

the collection of small debts in the Territories.

2. An Act providing for the expropriation of land by the Lieutenant-Governor, for roads, &c.

3. An Act respecting Married Womens' Property.

4. An Act respecting Controverted Elections.

5. An Act respecting Elections for the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Tweed, seconded by Mr. Cayley,

Resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to communicate to the Governor-General, in Council, that in the opinion of this Assembly the appointment of official Stenographers of the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories, for the various Judicial Districts, would be conducive to the interests of Justice in the Territories.

On motion of Mr. HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr. JELLY,

Resolved, that this House do on the next sitting day resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories," and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Haultain reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next Sitting of the House.

Resolved, that when the House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until eight o'clock p.m.

The House then adjourned.

Eight o'clock p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honor.

The said message was then read by Mr. SPEAKER, and is as follows:-

#### J. ROYAL.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits the estimated receipts and estimates of certain sums required for the service of the North-West Territories for the present fiscal year ending 30th June, 1889, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, 7th December, 1888.

The said estimates were then laid on the table.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories" and, after some time spent therein. Mr. Speaker research the Chair, and Mr. Haultain reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again tomorrow.

Resolved, that when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until half-past two o'clock to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

SATURDAY, 8th December, 1888.

Journal read and approved.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Turriff reported that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next Sitting of the House.

Resolved, that when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until half-past eight o'clock p.m.

The House then adjourned.

Half-past eight o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

#### (In the Committee.)

Resolved, that there be granted a sum not exceeding one hundred and five thousand, four hundred and eighty four dollars and ninety cents, to meet the supply to that amount granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Government of the North-West Territories for the ten months ending the 30th June, 1889, as follows:—

Estimated expenditure for the Government of the North-West Territories for the ten months ending the 30th June, 1889,

Schools	51270	75
Stationery, Telegrams, Postage and Telephones.	570	64
Cost of Elections	1373	85
Clerical Assistance	4257	65
Messengers and Caretakers	1060	00
Miscellaneous Justice	4945	99
Services of Legal Adviser	750	00
Maintenance of Insane Patients	2500	91
Printing and Advertising	4144	89
Newspapers and Books for Library	1275	45
Travelling Expenses	2030	92

Light and Fuel for Government Offices and		
Council Chamber	282	92
Services of Veterinary-Surgeons in cases of		
Glandered horses	400	
Registration of Marriage Certificates	87	
Books for Supreme Court	200	()()
Sheriffs' fees for summoning Jury	200	()()
Security Books (Public Offices)	5()	()()
Salary of Queen's Printer	200	()()
A. E. Forget, Services as Queen's Printer for 2		
years and 4 months, at \$300 per annum.	700	()()
Crown Prosecutors in Liquor Cases	800	()()
Prairie Fire Prosecutions	500	()()
Henry LeJeune, Auditing Public Accounts, 1888	1()()	()()
Salary of Accountant	550	()()
Vital Statistics	300	00
Engineering, Inspecting, etc	1500	00
Repairs to Bridges, etc	1500	00
Outstanding Claims	2600	00
Aid to Districts	19800	00
Contingencies	1533	93

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Turriff reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered that the Report be now received.

Mr. Turrier from the Committee of Supply reported the following Resolution:

Resolved, that there be granted a sum not exceeding one hundred and five thousand and four hundred and eighty-four dollars and ninety cents to meet the supply to that amount granted to Her Majesty.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

Resolved that when this House adjourns it do stand adjourned until ten o'clock a.m. on Monday next.

The House then adjourned.

10 o'clock a.m.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Thorburn presented a report from the Special Committee appointed to prepare draft Resolutions on matters relating to Dominion Lands.

Ordered that the said report be received and committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. CAYLEY, seconded by Mr. LINEHAM,

Resolved that the following Bill be added to those that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint a Commission to draft, namely a Bill respecting "Short forms of chattel mortgages" based on the Dakota Statute.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories," and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Haultain reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House then adjourned until half-past two o'clock p.m.

Half-past two o'clock p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House, on the report of the Special Committee appointed to prepare draft Resolutions on matters relating to Dominion Lands, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr.

THORBURN reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Ordered that the Honorable Mr. Justice RICHARDSON have leave to bring in a Bill to amend Ordinance No. 5 of 1888 entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was read the first time.

Ordered that the Bill be now read the second time.

The Bill was then read the second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said Committee, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair, Mr. Ross reported the Bill agreed to without amendment.

Ordered that the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was then read the third time.

Ordered that the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 5 of 1888" intituled "An Ordinance respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery."

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories," and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Haultain reported that the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, that when the House adjourns, it do stand rejourned until eight o'clock p.m.

Mr. CAYLEY, by leave of the House, presented a report from the Special Memorial Committee.

Ordered that the said report be received and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, at the next sitting of the House.

The House then adjourned.

Eight o'clock pin."

Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair.

Ordered that Mr. HAULTAIN have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of the public service of the Territories for the financial year ending 30% June 1889, and for other purposes relating thereto."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was read the first time.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the second time.

The Bill was then read the second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said Committee, and, Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair, Mr. HAULTAIN reported the Bill agreed to without amendment.

Ordered that the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was then read the third time.

Ordered That the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Ordinance for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of the public service of the Territories for the financial year ending 30th June 1889, and for other purposes relating thereto."

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Special Memorial Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Cayley reported that the Committee had gone through the report and had made certain amendments thereto.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

On the question being put "Shall this report be now concurred in?"

Mr. Jelly moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the report be not now concurred in, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the Whole for the addition of the following words:

"That J. Clark, W. G. Green, and others, having glandered borses destroyed according to Law, seek compensation therefor, and the Assembly wishes to endorse their request."

And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided and the names being called for were taken down as follows:—

Veas, Messis, Jelly,
Reaman,
Brett,
Lineham,
Davidson,
Oliver,
Ross,
Clinkskill.

Nays,—Messrs. Haultain,
Mitchell,
Thorburn,
Richardson,
Tweed,
Cayley,
Betts,
Secord.

Mr. Speaker having voted with the nays, it passed in the negative.

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The main question being then put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The said Report was then twice read and concurred in and reads as follows:—

The Memorial Committee appointed to draw up an humble address to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying, that he may transmit certain Resolutions of this House to the Governor General-in-Council begs leave to report as follows:—

The Memorial Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories to the Governor General-in-Council sheweth:—

That although this Assembly has been granted control of all expenditure for the current year, yet the North-West Territories Act does not clearly give the Assembly that control of the moneys voted by the Dominion Government for the expenses of Government in the Territories, which, in the opinion of this Assembly, they are undoubtedly entitled to.

That there is no permanent responsible body whose business it is to prepare legislation for the consideration of this Assembly, and in consequence its legislative functions cannot be satisfactorily performed; for instance, the Assembly has had to present an humble address to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he may be pleased to appoint a Committee to draft, during the recess, certain mea-

sures deemed advisable by the Assembly: measures which it should be the duty of a Legislative Government to submit.

Therefore the Assembly recommends to His Excellency the Governor General-in-Gouncil, that full responsible Government should be given to the Territories with the other powers, in addition to those already possessed by the Assembly, granted by the British North America Act to the Provinces of Canada, with the exceptions of the power to raise money on the public credit.

- 2. The Assembly believes that dues on dry wood cut for fuel and rails should be abolished.
- 3. The Assembly asks that the words "only where specially mentioned" in subsection "b" of section 2 of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, Cap 69, R. S. C. be struck out.
- 4. The Assembly urges the appointment of Hide and Brand, Inspectors, one at McLeod and one at Calgary.
- 5. That the Assembly recommends that the granting of Scrip to the Halfbreeds of Manitoba and the North-West Territories be extended to such Halfbreeds, heads of families and their children, who, on the 15th day of July, 1870, were residents of non-ceded Territory, and who have since moved to either Manitoba or the North-West Territories.
- (2.) That this Assembly would further recommend that Halfbreeds residing in the North-West Territories, on the 20th April, 1885, who were otherwise entitled to scrip, but who failed to comply with the conditions of the Order-in-Council of 20th April, 1885, be granted Scrip, notwithstanding such Order-in-Council.
- (3.) That as under the Halfbreeds Commission of the 20th March, 1885, the Indian Title, in as far as Halfbreeds are concerned, only extends to those born prior to 15th July, 1870, and as a number have been born to parents coming under the said Commission of 1885, who, in the opinion of this Assembly have equal rights to those already dealt with. This Assembly would therefor draw the attention of the

Dominion Government to the fact, and urge that such steps be taken to finally end all Halfbreed claims.

(4.) That this Assembly would also urge the appointment of the Judges of the North-West Territories, as permanent Commissioners, to adjust and investigate Halfbreed claims, as the system of a flying Commission is very unsatisfactory to the people and unnecessarily expensive to the Government.

On motion of Mr. DAVIDSON, seconded by Mr. CLINKSKILL,

Resolved, that the Dominion Government be asked to grant Scrip to all those acting during the North-West Rebellion as scouts under the Police Act.

On motion of Mr. HAULTAIN, seconded by Mr. MITCHELL.

Resolved, that a copy of the Report of the Memorial Committee be forwarded to the Members of the Dominion Parliament for the North-West Territories.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories," and, after sometime spent therein, Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, and Mr. HAULTAIN reported the Bill agreed to with certain amendments.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

On motion that the amendments be now agreed to, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. CLINK-skill, that the amendments be not now agreed to, but that the Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of amending Section 37 of Chapter 61 by inserting the following words "The Minority rate-payers, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic, of any District or portion of the Territories, may at any time petition the Lieutenant Governor for the erection of such District or portion of the Territories into a Separate School District."

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And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, were taken down as follows:—

Veas,—Messes. Mitchell,
Jelly,
Cayley,
Lineham,
Oliver,
Ross,
Clinkskill, 7.

Nays,—Messis. Haultain,
Reaman,
Richardson,
Brett,
Tweed,
Betts,
Davidson,
Secord. 8.

So it passed in the negative.

On further motion that the amendments be now agreed to, it was moved in amendment by Mr. OLIVER, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the amendments be not now agreed to, but that the Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of striking out the compulsory clauses in Chapter 61, being the Chapter relating to Schools.

And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, were taken down as follows:—

Yeas,—Messes. Jelly,
Reaman,
Davidson,
Oliver,
Ross,
Clinkskill. 6.

Nays,—Messrs. Haultain. Mitchell. Thorburn, RICHARDSON,
BRETT,
TWEED,
CAYLEY,
LINEHAM,
BETTS,
SECORD. 10.

So it passed in the negative.

The main question being then put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered that the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Ordered that the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories."

Resolved, that when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 11th DECEMBER, 1888.

10 o'elock a.m.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Tweed presented a Report from the Select Committee, appointed to enquire into the financial arrangements existing between the Dominion Government and the Northwest Territories.

Ordered that the said report be received and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tweed reported that the Committee had gone through the said Report and had made certain amendments thereto.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

The said Report was then twice read and concurred in. and reads as follows:—

The Special Committee appointed to enquire into the financial arrangements existing between the Dominion Government and the Northwest Territories begs leave to report as follows:—

That the amount annually voted by the Dominion Parliament for the expenses of government, etc., in the Northwest Territories should be given in the form of a definite grant, instead of a rate, which lapses at the end of the fiscal year for which it is voted.

That the said grant should be placed at the disposal and subject to the vote of the Northwest Legislative Assembly

That although the North-West Territories have not been admitted into Confederation as a Province, yet they consider that the fact of their paying taxes to the Federal Treasury, under the same laws, rules, and regulations and provisions as the people of other parts of Canada, and having been called upon to exercise the functions of local self-government by the Parliament of Canada, they are entitled to receive a return on the amount paid by them into the Federal Treasury of a sum similar to that received by the various Provinces comprising the Canadian Confederation.

That they consider that a greater proportion of taxation

per head is paid by the people of the North-West Territories than by the people of any other part of Canada.

That the cost of administering the Government of the North-West Territories is much larger in proportion to the population than in any other part of Canada, by reason of the greater area and more widely scattered settlements.

That the maintenance and improvement of the main trails in the Territories should be the subject of special con sideration at the hands of the Federal Parliament.

That inasmuch as the lands, timber and minerals of the Northwest Territories are held for sale by the Federal Government, which deprives the Northwest Government of any revenue from these sources, and the Provinces of Confederation, with the exception of Manitoba, having revenue from said sources:

Therefore, your Committee are strongly of opinion that a largely increased grant should be given to the North-West Territories for the expenses of the North-West Government, for the construction of roads and bridges, the improvement of main trails and other public improvements.

Mr. Ross presented a Report from the Special Committee appointed to consider the condition of main trails in the Territories.

Ordered that the said Report be received and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ross reported that the Committee had gone through the said Report and had made certain amendments thereto.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

The said Report was then twice read and concurred in, and reads as follows:

The Special Committee appointed to consider the condition of main trails in the Territories begs leave to report as follows:

We find that several trails are made use of for carrying Her Majesty's mails, as well as being the main highways leading from one settlement to another. We find that certain leading streams, rivers and sloughs on those trails form strong impediments, not only to settlement, but interfere to a great extent in the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails, besides causing an increased expenditure of that very important item.

The condition of some of those trails at certain seasons of the year has proven to be dangerous to life and property, and communication between the different settlements made most difficult, and supplies not only rendered much dearer, but in fact almost impossible to obtain.

Such a condition of affairs is a most important element in retarding settlement and the proper development of the Territories, and as the funds at the disposal of the Territorial Government are insufficient to make the necessary improvements, and we consider the Dominion Government is specially interested in those trails, we would therefore urge that the Dominion Government appropriate a special sum to be expended on the following trails, viz.: From Macleod to Calgary, from Calgary to Edmonton and Athabasca Lauding, from Swift Current to Battleford, from Qu'Appelle to Prince Albert.

Mr. Ross presented a Report from the Select Committee on Immigration.

Ordered that the said Report be received and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved that the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ross reported that the Committee had gone through the said Report and had made some amendments thereto.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to

The said Report was then twice read and concurred in, and reads as follows:—

The Special Committee on Immigration begs leave to report as follows:—

- (1) That this House ask the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to grant a free pass (for immigration purposes on recommendation of the Member) to three persons for each Electoral District, good for ninety days, to any part of the Eastern Provinces, and return, reached by their line.
- (2) That such pass be granted at as early a date as possible, so that settlers may be induced to arrange to reach the North-West Territories in the early spring.
- (3) That each District provide for the expenses of such Immigration Agent through the Agricultural Societies of the District or local subscriptions, and that the Member of the Assembly may allow a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars from the sum granted to such District for aid to Districts.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Special Committee appointed to deal with matters relating to Dominion Lands, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Thorburn reported that the Committee had gone through the said Report and had made certain amendments thereto.

Ordered that the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

The said Report was then twice read and concurred in, and reads as follows:—

The Special Committee, appointed to deal with matters relating to Dominion Lands, begs leave to report:—

- 1. That it is desirable in the interests of settlers and of settlement in the Territories, that the term of payment for pre-emptions in arrears should be extended five years from 1st January, 1889, without interest, on the condition that Homesteaders remain on and continuously cultivate their homesteads during that period.
- 2. That it would be only just to those, who entered for Jands in the Territories, during the operation of the Act permitting second homesteading, that the right to second homesteading should in all cases be extended to them, provided they have continuously cultivated their first homesteads.
- 3. That as in the year 1885 a regulation was in force, whereby persons entering for cancelled Lands could secure only eighty acres for a homestead and eighty acres as a pre-emption, and as this regulation was acknowledged to be nawise and unjust by its withdrawal—

Therefore settlers placed in such a disadvantageous position should be allowed the same right and privilege as other bona fide settlers, by being granted the full quarter section as a homestead.

4. That whereas, in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886, persons, entering for Lands that had been cancelled, were charged, in addition to an extra fee for inspection, besides value for improvements that had been made, also an additional price for pre-emptions, varying from twenty-five cents to one dollar per acre, which additional price was demanded at the time of making entry;

And whereas, there was no good reason in the greater value of such Lands for the additional charge per acre:

Therefore, the prices of such pre-emptions should be reduced to the prices charged for uncancelled Lands in the same districts, and moneys paid thereon should be applied to the payment of such pre-emptions at the said reduced price.

5. That whereas it has been proved that for the success of the settler, it is necessary for him to engage in both grain and stock raising, and it has been demonstrated that for this purpose the settler requires not less than three hundred and twenty acres of land;

And whereas, from the fact that many settlers have been unable to pay for their pre-emptions, it has been shown that the prices of pre-emptions have been placed at too high a figure, thus practically depriving many Homesteaders of the benefit of pre-emptions, which are essential for success in mixed farming;

That in cases, where pre-emptions have been cancelled during the past three years, because settlers were unable to pay for the same, these Lands should not be held open for homesteading until the whole matter regarding pre-emptions has been further considered:

Therefore it is advisable that the prices of pre-emptions be reduced to the following figures, viz.: For Lands within twenty miles of an operated railway, two dollars per acre, and for Lands at a greater distance from an operated railway, one dollar per acre.

6. That in the interest of the Territories; specially of the prairie districts, it is desirable that every possible encouragement should be given to Tree Culture;

Therefore, it is desirable that arrangements should be made, whereby tree planting, with continued and successful cultivation, should be permitted to stand in the place of grain cultivation, acre for zere, as fulfilment of homestead duties;

That in paying for pre-emptions, tree planting be allowed to count at the rate of five cents for each tree planted by

the settlers and found growing on their homesteads or preemptions for two years next preceding such payment.

7. That the present system of having odd-numbered sections withdrawn from homesteading is pernicious. That it is an injury to settlers, inasmuch as by preventing close settlement it throws additional burdens on them for carrying on schools and for necessary improvements:

Above all, because the settlement of the land is of more value, and will bring more revenue into the Treasury, than the possible sale of lands thus withheld from settlement, will; and because the throwing open of these sections for homesteading would be a further inducement for emigrants to come to these Territories, seeing they would then be able to enjoy the advantages of close neighborhood to other settlers:

That should it be found necessary in future to withhold public lands from homesteading for railway purposes, it would be well to provide that alternate quarter sections be granted instead of alternate sections;

Therefore, it is advisable that arrangements be made, where possible, to throw open all odd-numbered sections for homesteading, seeing that this would be in the true interests of the Territories, and, therefore, also of the Dominion.

That as the large proportion of Dominion Lands is in the Territories, it is most desirable, in the interest of the settler, the Territories and the Dominion, that a Dominion Land Board should be established at some central and convenient point in the Territories.

That His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will be pleased to transmit a Memorial embodying this Report to the proper authorities at Ottawa for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council.

On motion of Mr. CLINKSKILL, seconded by Mr. HAUL-

Resolved that this Assambly is of opinion that the valuable services remiered by the North-West Mounted Police,

during the late outbreak, should be rewarded by their receiving the same award of scrip as has been conferred on the other regular corps on service at that time. We would beg leave to respectfully point out that in a great measure the services of this force were insufficiently appreciated in Canada; that the arguments advanced against their receiving such award are, in our opinion, to a great extent fallacious, and that we are confident such a bestowal will be hailed throughout the North-West with satisfaction as an act of justice.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Tweed,

Resolved, That copies of the Reports on Immigration, Trails and Financial Relations be referred to the proper authorities for submission to His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

On motion of Mr. THORBURN, seconded by Mr. HAULTAIN,

Resolved, That copies of the Report on "Matters relating to Dominion Lands" be sent to the Members for the Territories in the Dominion House of Parliament.

## 2.30 o'clock p.m.

This day, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, His Honor the Honorable JOSEPH ROYAL, the Lieutenant Governor, proceeded to the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and took his seat upon the Throne.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had passed, severally, as follows:

No. 1. An Ordinance respecting the Revised Ordinances of the North-West Territories.

No. 2. An Ordinance for the abatement of Nuisances and for the protection of Public Health outside Municipalities.

No. 3. An Ordinance to enroll Thomas Christopher West as an Advocate of the Territories.

No. 4. An Ordinance to enable Ernest Harrold Scott to register as a Medical Practitioner of the Territories.

No. 5. An Ordinance respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery.

No. 6. An Ordinance respecting the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

No. 7. An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 5 of 1888, intituled "An Ordinance respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery.

The Royal Assent to these Bills was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name His Honor the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Mr. Speaker then said:

May it please Your Honor:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories in Session assembled, approach Your Honor at the close of our labors with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honor's acceptance a Bill intituled An Ordinance for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of the public service of the Territories for the financial year ending the 30th June, 1889, and for other purposes relating thereto," thus placing at the disposal of the Crown the means by which the Government can be made efficient for the service and welfare of the Territories.

The Royal Assent to this Bill was sunfourced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

"His Honor the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill in Her Majesty's name."

His Honor was then pleased to deliver the following speech:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you from your labors during the important Session of this Assembly about to close, I have to thank you for the earnestness and zeal, which you have manifested in the discharge of your public duties, as representatives of the people.

The practical sense, with which you have met my efforts to take advantage of the present transitory regime, to give you as large a share of responsibility as possible in the administration of affairs in the government of these vast Territories, has left me no cause for regret.

You have applied yourselves with devotion and diligence to the very important measure of the revision and consolidation of the Ordinances, and I cannot express too strongly my satisfaction at the manner in which you have done this great work.

The various subjects, submitted to your consideration, have received at your hands that attention, which will render them largely instrumental in promoting the development of the immense resources of our country.

I will lose no time in transmitting to the Privy Council at Ottawa your resolution concerning the Temperance question, and I may express the conviction that your wishes will be given all possible weight and attention.

I thank you for the Supplies, which you have readily granted for the carrying on of that portion of the public service more directly placed under your control.

I now relieve you from the discharge of your responsible and arduous duties, and I will only add that you carry with

you my best wishes for your personal welfare and individual prosperity.

I feel assured that, on your return to your happy homes you will do all in your power to promote that spirit of progress, that profound respect for the Law, and that pride in the greatness of our Canada, which are essential to the growth and development of a distinct nationality.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly then said,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honor the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued: and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.







